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Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 691

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691 EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the authority for the school district to work with other organizations on educational research.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. The school board recognizes the value of educational research in developing, validating, and standardizing new programs and strategies in education. Our policy is to cooperate as much as possible with colleges, universities, and other responsible parties to promote potentially beneficial research. Such research shall not, however, unduly interfere with the normal operation of the schools, nor infringe upon the privacy of employees or students. Guidelines shall be developed by the administration to implement this policy.

B. Research must meet the following:

1. All research projects must have prior approval of the superintendent or designee.
2. The study must have the potential for making a definite contribution to the education profession in general and/or to the programs of Independent School District 191 in particular.
3. The study must be feasible to carry out in terms of the amount of time involved, the numbers of teachers and students participating, and the possible expense to the district. It must not impose undue burdens upon students or staff.
4. There must be a reasonable certainty that no child in Independent School District 191 will suffer educationally as a result of the research. The Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records details rules and regulations for collection and maintenance of school records. Persons wishing to conduct research in Independent School District 191 shall thoroughly review and abide by this policy.
5. The overall design of the study must be sound and have the potential for successful completion.

6. All information from student records that may be collected or requested for approved research studies will adhere to district policy on protection and privacy of pupil records (Policy 515).

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)
20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
20 U.S.C. 1232h (Protection of Pupil Rights)
34 C.F.R. Part 99 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations)
Gonzaga University v. Doe, 536 U.S. 273, 122 S.Ct. 2268, 153 L.Ed. 2d 309 (2002)
C.N. v. Ridgewood Bd. of Educ., 430 F.3d. 159 (3rd Cir. 2005)
Fields v. Palmdale School Dist., 427 F.3d. 1197 (9th Cir. 2005)

Cross References: Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 406 (Public and Private Personnel Data)
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 520 (Student Surveys)