

## RELATIONS WITH EDUCATION RESEARCH AND SERVICE CENTERS

The superintendent is authorized to cooperate as far as possible with colleges, universities and other recognized research agencies in promoting potentially useful research. Because of the large number of requests for studies in the Columbia School District, it is necessary to limit the number and establish guidelines for the approval of studies.

A committee will be established to consider requests to conduct research. The superintendent of schools will be responsible for selection of committee members and development of procedures for accomplishing the work of the committee.

Decisions in connection with research involving parents, students or staff members will be influenced by the following factors:

- ▶ The objectives of the research should be clearly stated and the design should produce valid and reliable results which will then be made available to the Columbia School District
- ▶ The research should be expected to contribute to the improvement of education or the general welfare of children.
- ▶ Personally identifiable student records will be made available only with the consent of parents. Statistical information with no individual names connected may be released.
- ▶ Research proposals should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort of students and staff members.
- ▶ In general, instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is a clear significance for the educational program of the Columbia schools.
- ▶ Projects involving student researchers must have prior written approval by the appropriate faculty member of the institution in which the student is enrolled. This faculty member must have direct responsibility related to the student's research.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

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