

Professional Research and Publishing

The Board recognizes the value of educational research conducted by staff members. However, all research studies carried out within the school system using district or school data of any kind or staff or students as subjects must be approved in advance by the superintendent or his designee. Only those studies which have value to the school district shall be approved.

The superintendent or his designee shall keep a file on topics needing study that shall be shared with staff members at their request.

When human subjects are involved in research, there shall be adequate protection of their rights and welfare. The individual shall be subjected to no serious risk. Parents of students who are subjects of research or adults if they are the subjects shall be provided with an explanation of procedures and their purpose, a description of any possible risks and any benefit to be reasonably expected, an offer to respond to inquiries on procedures, and instruction on the right to refuse to participate or to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice.

Federally-funded research or experimentation programs or projects

No student shall be required as part of any federally-funded research or experimentation program or project to submit without prior written consent to psychiatric or psychological examination, testing or treatment in which the primary purpose is to reveal information concerning:

1. Political affiliations;
2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or his family;
3. Sex behavior and attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally-recognized privileged and analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
7. Income other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

Participation in such research or experimentation programs shall require the prior written consent of the parent or emancipated minor.

The term "psychiatric or psychological examination or test" in this context shall mean a method of obtaining information including a group activity that is not directly related to academic instruction and that is designed to elicit information about attitudes, habits, traits, opinions, beliefs or feelings. The term "psychiatric or psychological treatment" means an activity involving the planned, systematic use of methods or techniques that are not directly related to academic instructions and that is designed to affect behavioral, emotional or attitudinal characteristics of an individual or group.

"Research or experimentation program or project" means a program or project designed to explore or develop new or unproven teaching methods or techniques.

All instructional and supplementary materials used in connection with any research or experimentation program or project shall be available for review by the parents of the students involved in the project.

Publication of written materials

The Board encourages the publication of scholarly articles and constructive commentary about the district and/or education in general. Textbooks or other learning materials resulting from a work assignment or developed during the paid work time of a school employee or while using district equipment, facilities or materials shall be the property of the district.

Teachers or other district employees who have authored textbooks or other learning materials, independently of any work assignment on their own time and without using district equipment, facilities or materials may retain royalties paid by a book publisher or a seller for books or materials used or purchased for use in the Mapleton Public Schools.

The right to retain royalties shall be contingent upon the employee not acting as an agent for a book publisher or seller or otherwise influencing the purchase of the material.

A decision regarding the status of such materials shall rest with the superintendent.

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CROSS REFS.: LC, Relations with Educational Research Agencies

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