

**RESEARCH**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of academic research to improve educational programs and practices. Researchers shall respect the privacy rights of students, including their right to refrain from participation in research projects in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize research projects within the district by outside groups or persons when such research is aligned with district goals and objectives and is likely to benefit the district without disrupting the school program.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*  
*(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)*  
*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive prior notification of any surveys or evaluations that collect personal student information and that consent is obtained in accordance with law.

*(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)*  
*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*  
*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE  
*51513 Personal beliefs*  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
*1232h Protection of pupil rights*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES  
*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*  
*CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>*  
*USDOE, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco/>*