

**SAN LORENZO
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY**

Instruction

BP 6162.8

RESEARCH

The Governing Board 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.

Education Code 51513 and 20 USC 1232h, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), specify that districts may not require a student to submit to a survey requesting personal student information without prior written consent by the student's parent/guardian. This prohibition applies to surveys and research conducted by third parties.

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.

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. In addition, individuals and organizations conducting research studies in the San Lorenzo Unified School District shall complete and submit the District's "Requirement for Authorization to Conduct Studies in the San Lorenzo Unified School District." No studies shall begin until approval is received.

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/>
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