



Policy: 10.14

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH EDUCATION RESEARCH AGENCIES

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1.0 Policy

With proper safeguards, the school system will permit and encourage education experimentation for the purpose of developing improved methods, greater efficiency, and other desirable results. So that the full cooperation of the system may be given any approved experimental work, and because it is recognized that principals and the General Superintendent are held responsible for activities that take place in the schools, all proposals for experimentation must be approved.

Experimentation initiated by individuals, institutions, or organization outside of the Detroit Schools may be approved only if participation on the part of the staff is voluntary.

Procedures for Approval of Research Conducted by Outside Groups

Research projects and studies initiated by individuals or organizations not officially charged with, research for the Detroit schools will be conducted in accord with the following principles and stipulations:

- 1.1** Participation of school personnel is to be entirely voluntary on the part of the individuals concerned.
- 1.2** Proposals for conducting studies should be sent to the General Superintendent of schools or to the educational services division (evaluation and testing department).
- 1.3** The proposals should include a detailed plan of methods and procedures to be used in completing the study. In the case of graduate student proposals, a statement from faculty advisor or committee endorsing the study as being educationally worth-while should accompany the request.
- 1.4** The Detroit public schools assumes no responsibility for completing any project or for providing technical or other types of assistance.

- 1.5** The entire proposal will be reviewed in the educational services division. If it considers such activity advisable, it will refer the proposal for review to a committee of the persons involved, an advisory committee, or the superintendent's executive staff.
- 1.6** Notice of approval will be sent to the individuals, schools, and departments concerned, with an appropriate form on which principals of schools involved may indicate their willingness to participate voluntarily in the project as proposed.
- 1.7** After the principal has indicated willingness to participate in the study, the educational services division or the person doing the research will make arrangements with the principal for the conducting of the project in the school.
- 1.8** Individuals or organizations conducting approved studies will be responsible for supplying the educational services division with a written summary of their findings, and if so requested, for reporting detailed study findings to interested school personnel at a meeting arranged by the evaluation and testing department or others.

Attachments to Policy 10.14: None

See also: None

Legal References: None

Labor Contract References: None