

REGULATION

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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RESEARCH

The chief school administrator shall review and approve all applications for research projects.

- A. A written application shall be submitted to the chief school administrator and shall include:
 - 1. The persons who will conduct the research project and their relevant affiliations;
 - 2. The purpose of the research;
 - 3. The specific ways in which students will be involved;
 - 4. The estimated duration of the project
 - 5. A comprehensive list of any possible benefits to students or to the school district.
- B. Approval will be granted only to those projects that will serve the interests of students and the educational program;
- C. Approval will not be granted to projects that will impede or significantly disrupt the instructional program approved by the board;
- D. Students shall not be exploited for the benefit of any individual group or organization.

The chief school administrator shall report on and recommend all approved research projects at a regular meeting of the board. The board shall review and approve all research projects prior to administration.

Administration of Research instruments

The chief school administrator shall obtain prior written consent from parents/guardians or emancipated students for each research project and before any survey is administered that is funded in whole or in part by any program administered by the United States Department of Education, if the survey (analysis or evaluation) is designed to reveal information on any of the following:

- A. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parents/guardians;
- B. Mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- C. Sex behavior or attitudes;
- D. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- E. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- F. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, or ministers;
- G. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent/guardian; or

H. 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 research projects shall be voluntary and anonymous:

- A. There will be clear written communication from the district to parents or guardians on how parents may exercise their rights not to have their children participate.
- B. Students will also be informed of the voluntary and anonymous nature of the survey/research and instructed by the principal on procedures for not participating.
- C. All material in connection with the said survey shall be made available in advance for inspection by the parents or guardians of the students.

The results of the research must be made available to the district and filed with the chief school administrator.

Any staff member found violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

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