



TITLE: REQUESTS TO CONDUCT NON-BOARD-INITIATED RESEARCH IN SCHOOLS

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COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND EQUITY

The Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that this policy and associated procedures promote and protect Indigenous rights, human rights, and equity. The Board will strive to address and eliminate discrimination and structural and systemic barriers for students, staff, and community.

1.0 RATIONALE OBJECTIVE

To establish authority for dealing with requests from universities, colleges, other agencies, and individuals to conduct non-Board-initiated research in our schools.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Please refer to Appendix A for a list of definitions of terms used in this policy.

3.0 POLICY

- 3.1 The Director of Education is authorized to establish procedures for screening, modifying, approving, rejecting, monitoring, and evaluating any research projects from individuals or groups who wish to conduct non-Board-initiated research which involves the resources, students, staff, or time of the Board.

- 3.2 The Board supports the efforts of the Ottawa-Carleton Research Evaluation Advisory Committee (**The Committee**) to ensure that:
 - a) research projects approved by the Committee contribute to educational knowledge;

 - b) our schools and classrooms are not being interrupted unduly by these requests;

 - c) the research design will guarantee defensible data;

- d) parents' active consent is sought ~~are consulted~~ whenever testing involves their children; and
 - e) the research follows ethical guidelines.
- 3.3 The Director of Education shall authorize staff to participate in the ~~Ottawa-Carleton Research Evaluation Advisory~~ Committee for the purposes stated in ~~2.4 3.1~~ above.
- 3.4 The ~~Ottawa-Carleton Research Evaluation Advisory~~ Committee shall have the necessary authority to meet the purpose stated in ~~2.4 3.1~~ above.
- 3.5 The Committee may forward such recommendations concerning research policy as may be required ~~from time to time~~ to the Board, through Committee of the Whole; but shall submit to the latter committee, at least annually, an information report on its activities, including a synopsis of research studies undertaken within the system.

4.0 APPENDICES

~~Appendix A: Policy Definitions~~

5.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

OCDSB Procedure [PR.562.CUR: Ottawa-Carleton Research Evaluation Advisory Committee](#)
~~The Ottawa-Carleton Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee, 2022-2023~~

APPENDIX A: POLICY DEFINITIONS

In this policy,

Board means the Board of Trustees.

District means the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.