

RELATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL RESEARCHERS

The District Administrator is authorized to cooperate as far as possible with colleges, universities, and other recognized research agencies in promoting potentially useful research. It is important to establish guidelines for the approval of studies.

Rule:

Decisions in connection with research involving students, teachers, or other employees will be influenced by the following factors:

- 1) The objectives of the research should be clearly stated and the design should produce valid and reliable results which will be made available to the Deerfield Community School District.
- 2) The research should be expected to contribute to the improvement of the education or the general welfare of children.
- 3) Data derived from school records, interviews, or questionnaires which have potential for invasion of the privacy of students or their families must have advanced written authorization of parents or guardians even though the data is to be collected and reported under conditions of anonymity.
- 4) Research proposals should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort of Deerfield students and staff members.
- 5) In general, instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is a clear significance for the educational program of the Deerfield Community School District.
- 6) Projects involving student researchers must have prior written approval by a faculty member of the institution in which the student is enrolled. This faculty member must have direct responsibility related to the student's research.

A written research proposal shall be submitted to the District Administrator before school district review of the request. The written proposal will include: the objectives of the project, the activities to be conducted and the data collection and measurement techniques to be used. All research and special projects must be approved by the District Administrator.