

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **SUBJECT: Research**

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize 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, County Office of Education policy and administrative regulation.

The County Superintendent or designee may authorize research projects within the County Office of Education by outside groups or persons when such research is aligned with County Office of Education goals and objectives and is likely to benefit the County Office of Education without disrupting the school program.

(cf. 0000 – Concept and Roles)

(cf. 0100 – Mission Statement)

The County 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.

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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/>