



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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RESEARCH INVOLVING DISTRICT STUDENTS

CONDITION

The involvement of students in research projects is an integral part of the advancement of educational and scientific research. A policy is necessary to guide the review and approval of requests to involve District students in such projects.

POLICY

To balance the Board's goals in the development of the District's educational programs and services, Goal I: TO MINIMIZE ANY SITUATION THAT ACTS AS A BARRIER TO EDUCATION, and Goal XII: TO PARTICIPATE AND SHARE ACTIVELY IN THE CULTURAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND RECREATIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY; the Board herein defines, authorizes, and regulates the involvement of students in research under the following rules:

1. The college presidents shall designate a standing committee on each campus responsible for reviewing and approving all requests to use students for research purposes. The curriculum council will serve as the responsible committee for the Continuing Education program.
2. The bodies described above shall have exclusive authority for approval of all requests. If the request involves students district wide, the request shall be reviewed individually by each committee.
3. Final approval for the projects rests with the committee subject to an endorsement by the program president.
4. Names and addresses of current or former students will not be released to person(s) outside the District under any circumstances.
5. In cases where the researcher wishes to have a survey instrument mailed to students, the District may act as a intermediary to facilitate the request. This is subject to: reimbursement of costs; and, resource availability.
6. The use of class time for research projects is permitted under specifically restricted circumstances.
 - a. The research committee may approve such requests if an instructor demonstrates the educational value of using class time for such purposes.

- b. Class time may be used with instructors approval only.
- 7. If the research is for a graduate thesis, the candidate must provide documentation demonstrating that the project has been approved by the appropriate authority of the responsible institution.
- 8. The researcher shall commit to providing the District/college with a copy of the final product for which the student subjects were involved.

SUPERSEDES:

New Policy