

INFORMAL RESEARCH STUDIES, SURVEYS, AND QUESTIONNAIRES

The definition of "informal research studies, surveys, and questionnaires" as it pertains to these rules and regulations means any study conducted by students or staff as a part of a District-approved course of study or activities.

The District Superintendent delegates authority to the principal to approve such studies. Approval will be based on the following criteria:

1. Participation in all studies shall be voluntary.
2. Studies should investigate topics which are subject to analysis.
3. Studies shall not be conducted in a manner which would allow for personal identification of beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, or religion.
4. Questions shall be consistent with the maturity level of those polled.
5. Studies shall demonstrate good taste as reflected by student and adult community standards.
6. All studies shall include the following information:
 - a. Identify sample that is to be involved;
 - b. Identify group, date, teacher and/or students who constructed the study;
 - c. Studies are to be approved by a teacher before they are undertaken.
7. Studies shall be consistent with acceptable social science methods.
 - a. Statement of purpose;
 - b. Testable hypothesis;
 - c. Proper sampling;
 - d. Employ carefully constructed questions which are clearly answerable;
 - e. Employ acceptable data gathering techniques;
 - f. Analyze and evaluate results;
 - g. Results are available to participants.

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