

Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District

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Research

Research projects conducted by employees during the workday or that use ESD resources or ESD students, either for study toward advanced work or for use in classroom instruction require approval from the Superintendent or designee. Also, research which is conducted by or for a non-ESD district employee must be approved by the Superintendent or designee. If the study results in material which would be useful to other employees, it shall be made available for distribution throughout the ESD. For the protection of all concerned, privacy rights of students or other individuals involved in research projects must be protected.

1. Research Involving Human Subjects

- a. Any research involving human subjects done in conjunction with any ESD program or service shall, in the judgment of the superintendent, comply with pertinent federal and state laws and protocols, and shall protect the dignity, worth, and rights of the individuals involved.
- b. All LBL Research will commit to providing:
 - i. Equitable, flexible and effective educational services
 - ii. Responsiveness & transparency
- c. Anyone wishing to conduct such research shall submit a detailed research proposal to the Superintendent, within a reasonable time before the time of the planned research to allow for adequate consideration, and shall adhere to the following guidelines:

Guidelines for Research Submission:

- i. Focused on equity, educational outcomes, or effective service delivery
 - ii. Research design, data sources, and analysis methods are documented
 - iii. Does not impact student educational service time
 - iv. Outcome will inform LBL ESD practices
 - v. Research will not violate public employee ethics law or financially benefit the employee, and will not be a conflict of interest for the employee.¹
- d. Any such research that involves human subjects from vulnerable populations, including but not limited to minor children, pregnant women, or individuals with disabilities, will be subject to the highest level of scrutiny. The reasonable time of adequate consideration of research proposals involving vulnerable populations will normally be considerably longer than for proposals involving only non-vulnerable populations.
- e. The Superintendent shall develop procedures governing human subjects research in accordance with federal and state law.

END OF POLICY

1. Policies GBC, GBC-AR

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2012); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2016).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2012); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2016).

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