

RELATIONS WITH EDUCATION RESEARCH AND SERVICE CENTERS

The Superintendent, subject to the approval of the School Committee, is authorized to cooperate with colleges, universities, and other recognized research agencies in promoting potentially useful research. Because of the potentially large number of requests for studies in our schools it is necessary to limit the number and establish guidelines for the approval of studies.

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 should be designed to produce valid and reliable results which will then be made available to the Weston schools.
2. The research should be expected to contribute to the general improvement of the education or the welfare of students attending the Weston Public Schools.
3. Data from school records, interviews, or questionnaires which may have potential for invasion of the privacy of students or their families must be authorized in advance, in writing by a parent or guardian even though the data are 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 Weston 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 Weston schools.
6. Projects involving student researchers must have the prior written approval of a faculty member of the institution in which the student is enrolled. This faculty member must have direct responsibility for supervising the student's research.

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