

EDUCATIONAL STUDY AND RESEARCH

Pitt County Schools recognizes the importance of the study of the learning process - what students learn, how they learn, and the environment in which they learn. The system shall keep abreast of developments in instruction and be responsive to new materials and techniques of demonstrated value. Within this framework, appropriate experimentation, innovation, and research are encouraged.

While the system acknowledges the value of educational research, Pitt County Schools has a responsibility to protect students, parents, and staff from harassment; invasion of privacy; physical, psychological, social, and educational injury; and imposition upon instructional time.

All research shall receive prior approval in writing from the Superintendent or designee to ensure that the proposed research has potential value for the system and is consistent with its philosophies, legal obligations, and standards of good scholarship. This requirement includes research conducted by Pitt County personnel, college students, university faculty, organizations, and private individuals involving select students, classes, or grades in some or all schools. Individuals submitting proposals must provide the information requested in the attached procedure.