

Article IX.B.2.           Requests for Surveys or Research

A.     Statement of Policy

The Board of Education is committed to the improvement of education and recognizes that improvement is often aided by research. Therefore the Board allows participation in surveys and research projects which:

1.     Will benefit education in the District;
2.     Will not unreasonably disrupt instructional or administrative time, cause any harm to programs of the District or violate other law or policy; and
3.     Will not intrude on the privacy of District patrons or personnel.

B.     Survey and Research Request Committee

1.     Individuals or entities wishing to present a survey or conduct research in a school or schools shall complete the Application for Permission to Conduct Research form available from the Granite School District Department of Research, Assessment and Evaluation, to include a complete copy of the survey or research instrument to be used.
2.     As a condition for consideration of an application, individuals or entities requesting survey or research authorization shall agree to provide the District with the results of the survey or research prior to any release or publication in the event that authorization is granted.
3.     The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall convene Survey and Research Request Committee meetings monthly to review requests. Requests originating from the schools or from the District may be reviewed at ad hoc meetings.
4.     The Committee shall include the Director of Research, Assessment and Evaluation, a District patron, a school administrator, a teacher, and representatives from Educator Support Services and School Accountability Services.
5.     The Committee shall review and make a recommendation to grant or deny requests by considering the following:
  - a.     The immediate and prospective benefit to education and/or the District,
  - b.     Whether the proposal would implicate the State or Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Acts or other law or policy,
  - c.     Burdens associated with the administration of survey or research instruments,

- d. Input from schools whose participation is requested (requests originating from outside the District for surveys or research to be conducted in the months of April, May or June will not be considered unless special approval is granted by the Board of Education),
  - e. Survey or research design, and
  - f. Other reasonable concerns as raised by individual requests.
6. Recommendations shall be submitted to the Superintendent for final approval or denial. Recommendations for approval shall include a recommendation regarding timelines for the period between provision of results to the District and further release or publication of results.
  7. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall inform requesting parties of approval or denial of the request.
  8. The Committee shall maintain a record of requests, whether requests were granted or denied, and the reasons for such grants or denials.