



Georgia Department of Education

Policies and Procedures

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Purpose

To describe the provisions under which educational research projects shall be conducted at the State Schools.

Applicability

This policy applies to all educational research projects at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, the Georgia Academy for the Blind, and the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Policy

The systematic study of the educational process and related variables can contribute significantly to the development and implementation of high-quality instructional programs. The State Schools therefore encourage the conduct of well-designed educational research projects.

General Provisions

While recognizing the value of educational research, the State Schools have a responsibility to protect students, parents, and staff from harassment; invasion of privacy; physical, psychological, social, and educational injury; and substantial distraction from teaching and learning. Consequently, all research proposals shall be carefully screened by the Director of State Schools to ensure that the proposed research has potential value and is consistent with the Department of Education's philosophies, legal obligations, and standards of good scholarship.

The Director of State Schools must provide written approval before a research project may be conducted in any of the three State Schools. The School Director at the appropriate school will be responsible for monitoring any approved research.