



**Policy: 7.37**

**SUBJECT:**                    **PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH AND PUBLISHING**

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Experimentation and research studies, designed with proper safeguards, may be carried out by individuals or groups within the Detroit public schools staff. Since principals are held responsible for activities taking place within their schools, and the General Superintendent is held responsible for all activities within the district, research and experimentation carried out by individuals or groups of individuals must have approval in advance.

Research or experimentation conducted in a school by individual employees will require approval of the school principal and appropriate Assistant Superintendent.

Certain research studies may be officially sponsored by the district or sponsored jointly with outside organizations. Employees will be expected to cooperate with these official studies. At time, the school system may give permission for an outside research agency to conduct a study within the schools. Participation in these projects will be voluntary on the part of employees.

Active parent consent is required for a student's participation in educational research conducted by outside agencies approved by the Board. Parents who wish to have their children participate must send a written notice to the school within two (2) weeks of the date of notice from the school regarding the research project. The school shall not include any student in the research group for which written consent has not been provided by the parent or guardian.

**Attachments to Policy 7.37:**                None

**Legal References:**                            None

**Labor Contract References:**                None