

## **Educational Research in the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District**

### **Policy**

While the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District (ABRSD) recognizes the importance of research and its contributions to teaching and learning, the purpose of the ABRSD is to educate children.

Therefore, the district will only approve an outside request of an agency, institution or individual to:

- conduct any research,
- administer surveys or questionnaires,
- obtain information from students and staff, or
- gather any data for research purposes

if that request is aligned to district interests and/or priorities, and will assist the District in achieving its mission, vision and/or goals. Proposals must demonstrate they can be of benefit to the District without unduly taking away from instructional time and ABRSD resources.

All requests must be submitted in writing and coordinated through the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning.

Parents shall have the opportunity to review, upon request, a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to a student. Parents shall also have the opportunity to opt their child(ren) out of participation in any survey, analysis, or evaluation. Students who are 18 years or older may opt out of such surveys, analyses, or evaluations.

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