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It is recognized that there is a great need for valid educational research. Being located near a university, the Preston County School System often receives requests to include the county schools in research projects. It is the policy of the Preston County Board of Education to cooperate in legitimate research projects whenever possible. However, it is the responsibility of the Board to see that the school program is not disrupted by research activities. Therefore, the following regulations shall govern research activities:

- All requests to conduct research in Preston County Schools shall be made to the Superintendent or his /her designee who shall ascertain (1) that the request is valid, (2) that the research procedure is sound, (3) that the research will not be excessively disruptive to the educational program, and (4) that the research will not place an unnecessary burden on students or employees. If the above requirements are met to the satisfaction of the Superintendent or his designee, written permission may be granted for the research to be conducted.
- The decision of the Superintendent or his designee may be appealed to the Board of Education.
- No one may conduct research within the Preston County School System without written permission from the office of the Superintendent or the Board.
- Persons conducting research shall abide by the Preston County Board of Education's policies regarding student confidentiality.

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