



# Policy 6313

## Research and Program Evaluation Studies

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# Overview

- The **purpose** is to update the policy to establish the requirements for conducting research in District schools
- A **review** of federal and state laws, research ethics, and policies from other large school districts was conducted to create this policy
- Proposed revision to Policy 6313 **defines** a two-step process:
  1. Institutional Review Board (IRB) review, examines the ethical and legal requirements for conducting research, and
  2. Research Review ensures compatibility of the research with a public school setting and value to the District.



# Policy Alignment

- Aligns with federal, state, and District policies to protect students and their families in research:
  - **FERPA (1974)** – Family Education Records Privacy Act
  - **PPRA (1978)** – Pupil Privacy Rights Amendment
  - **Belmont Report (1979)** – Federal report on protecting human subjects
  - **Common Rule (1991, 2018)** – Federal baseline standard rule of ethics
  - **Florida Statutes 1002.22, 1002.221** – Education records & family rights
  - **Policy 5100.1** – Student Records: Confidentiality and Family Educational Rights
  - **Policy 5100.2** – Student Records: Transfer, Retention and Disposal
  - **Policy 4019** – Protected Health Information [in accordance with The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act(HIPAA)]
  - **Policy 5306** – School and District Technology Usage
  - **AERA Code of Ethics (1992, 2011)** – American Educational Research Association – Ethical principles and standards



# IRB and Research Review Process

- **IRB Review**, ensures the ethical and legal protection of research participants through the District's IRB that is registered with The United States Department of Health and Human Services
- **Research Review**, determines if proposed research is compatible in a public school setting, research questions that are of value to the District, and the benefits of participation outweigh the impact on students, staff, and school resources



# Policy Highlights

- Establishes research standards that align with the District's goals and objectives
- Applies to any research or program evaluation studies that alter the daily activities of students, staff, or schools
- Requires informed consent from all participants

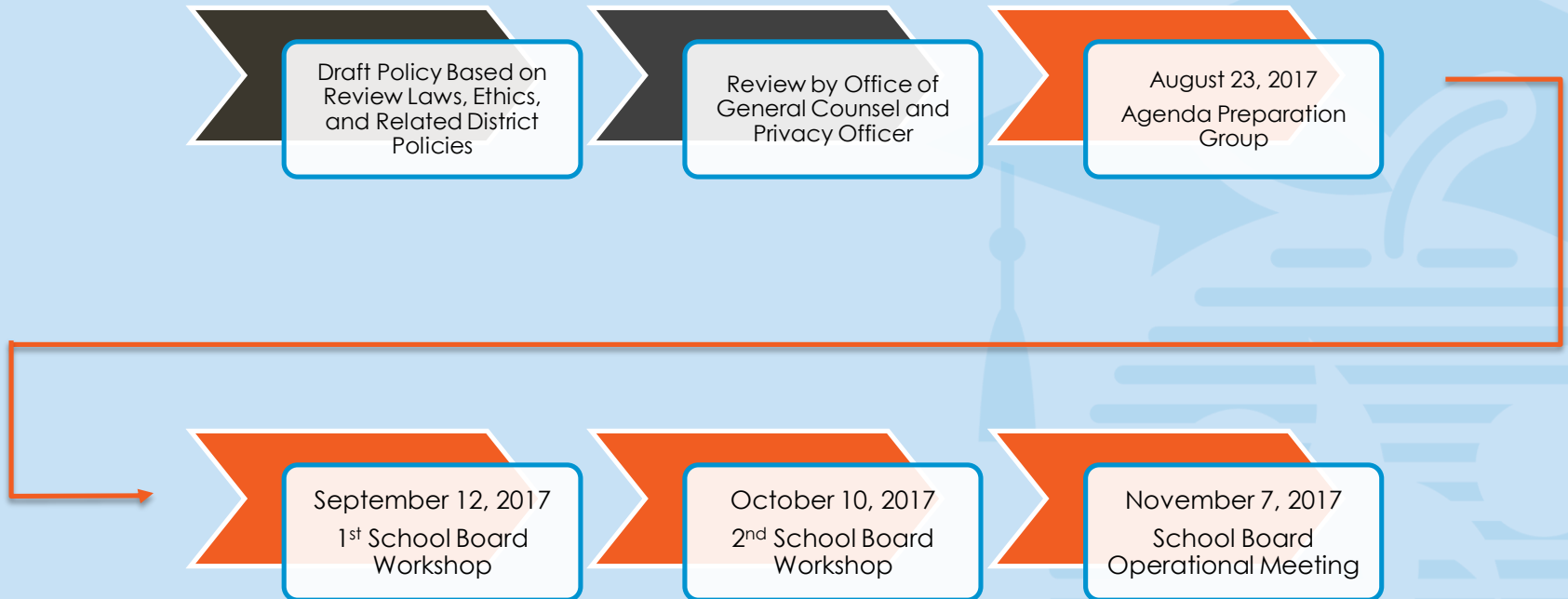


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- Exceeds *Common Rule* guidelines to further protect students and families by requiring **active** parent consent and student assent for participating students
- Includes continuing review to ensure compliance
- Requires submission of reports and findings for distribution to applicable District stakeholders at project completion



# Timeline



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