

**RESEARCH**

**It is the obligation of the district to protect the learning opportunities and interests of its students, teachers, and patrons. These opportunities and interests will not be sacrificed so that research activities may be conducted. Therefore, all persons wishing to conduct research in the district shall make application to do so through the superintendent of schools or the superintendent's designee who shall either approve or deny the application. Each application shall be examined carefully on the basis of whether it contributes significantly new and useful information relative to the educational program of the district and public education in general. The superintendent shall promulgate regulations that provide protection for any human subjects involved in an authorized research activity, setting out procedures for the approval and conduct of research studies in the Topeka Public Schools that are consistent with federal and state statutes, regulations and policies for protection of human research subjects.\_**