



**1. Rationale**

One of the goals of the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is to provide relevant, purposeful learning supporting high achievement, well-being and learning for life. The SCDSB supports evidence-informed and research-based practice. The exploration of new ideas and generation of new knowledge to improve teaching and learning is dependent upon sound research.

**2. Policy**

It is the policy of the SCDSB to permit institutions, agencies as well as individuals completing degree programs to apply to conduct research that will benefit students and the Board, either directly or indirectly, by advancing knowledge in the field of education or other relevant disciplines related to the delivery of educational programs and services for students and their families.

All non-Board initiated research conducted in the SCDSB is subject to a review and approval process that ensures high standards, adherence to ethical principles for conducting research with human participants, minimal disruption to students' educational programs, realistic time demands of staff, and minimal risk to individual participants, schools and the SCDSB.

**3. Administrative Procedures**

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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