

RESEARCH

Guidelines for educational research

The Catholic Schools Office encourages the development of programs of sound educational research by the faculties of the schools of the diocese. In order to insure that educational research conducted in Catholic schools is sound, orderly, and beneficial, the superintendent must be contacted and a letter sent that states the intent of the study, methodology, and procedures.

Such research can be conducted only with the explicit and prior approval of the superintendent. Preliminary discussion of anticipated projects with the superintendent is required.

Testing and research programs conducted by outside agencies

The Catholic Schools Office recognizes the constructive role that responsible research and experimentation can play in the development of quality education. The office has established guidelines regarding testing and research programs conducted by outside agencies.

All proposals must be submitted to the Catholic Schools Office for explicit approval prior to contract signing or the finalization of agreements. Preliminary discussion of anticipated projects with office staff is suggested.

Principals are cautioned against allowing too frequent use of students for testing/research projects. Written permission from parents/guardians is required prior to engaging in such projects.