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Requests for participation in research projects in Kanawha County Schools requiring the administration of student tests, surveys, questionnaires or rating scales shall be reviewed by the Central Office Evaluation Council which is chaired by the Director of Research and Evaluation. This Council shall consist of representatives from the Department of Research and Evaluation, the Division of Curriculum and Instruction, the Department of Secondary Schools, the Department of Elementary Schools, and the Department of Pupil Services. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

Initial requests for participation are to be presented to the chairperson of the Central Office Evaluation Council. Specific criteria for acceptance or rejection of studies will be forwarded to each prospective researcher. After reviewing the requests, this council shall make a recommendation to the Superintendent regarding each request.

The Superintendent may authorize internal research studies (i.e., studies proposed by employees of Kanawha County Schools or the West Virginia Department of Education) after a review of the recommendations of the Central Office Evaluation Council. Requests from external agencies (i.e., local welfare or governmental agencies, foundations, colleges and universities or private individuals pursuing degree requirements) shall be given final approval by the Board of Education after review by the Central Office Evaluation Council and the Superintendent.

Valid and meaningful research may be of value to an academic field and to Kanawha County Schools. However, interruptions to the educational program may be harmful and planned interruptions, such as those caused by research studies and surveys in the schools, must be carefully considered and justified before approval can be given. Permission to do research studies will not be granted, if there is potential conflict with community mores or legal and district policies.