

**PROGRAM SERVICES 4100**

**REQUESTS TO CONDUCT NON-BOARD  
INITIATED RESEARCH 4123**

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**1. Rationale**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports evidence-informed and research-based practice. The objective of this policy is to establish authority for reviewing requests from universities, colleges, other agencies, and individuals to conduct non-board initiated research within the school board.

**2. Policy**

2.1 It is the policy of the SCDSB to follow established procedures for approving or rejecting any non-board initiated (external) research applications which involve students, parents/guardians or staff of the SCDSB.

2.2 The SCDSB's Research and Decision Support Services department and the External Research Review Committee (ERRC) shall ensure that:

2.2.1 external research applications approved by the ERRC contribute to the SCDSB's Strategic Priorities;

2.2.2 schools and classrooms have minimal disruption from participation in an approved research project; and,

2.2.3 all ethical principles for conducting research are upheld in accordance with the ERRC's approval to conduct research within 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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