

Conducting Research & Evaluation in GCCISD

Goose Creek CISD supports high-quality external research and evaluation efforts, especially in areas that will improve its educational practices and outcomes. Goose Creek CISD's application process was established to: (a) Coordinate external projects with ongoing research and evaluation conducted by the district, (b) protect staff and students from unnecessary or redundant data collection, (c) review research and evaluation requests in light of current privacy laws, and (d) assure that external research/evaluation projects are of value to the district and to education in general.

Any person conducting external research and coming in contact with students will be required to undergo a criminal history check conducted by GCCISD prior to working in GCCISD (at researcher's expense).

A research proposal that meets the following criteria will be considered for approval.

1. The study has a theoretical basis from which the research questions and hypotheses are derived. The research questions and hypotheses are supported by previously published research.
2. The description of the methodological procedures includes the research design, sampling design, and data analyses. The methods are contemporary, efficient, and appropriate.
3. A copy of all instruments and their source is included. Information on validity and reliability is provided. An original instrument has been piloted and a summary of the pilot results, including information on the source of items, is provided. Justification of the use of the instruments with the proposed sample and with the research questions and hypotheses will lead to interpretable results.
4. The data collected meets the assumptions of the data analysis. The data analyses test the hypotheses and will lead to interpretable results.
5. The study must not violate the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Any study involving students requires written consent of the parent or guardian. Any study involving access to employee records must be voluntary and requires written consent of the employee.
6. The study must attempt to identify methods or factors that will improve the quality of education for children in the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District.
7. The study is not offensive to the values and standards of the school, community, or any racial or ethnic group and does not inquire in an obtrusive manner into religion, gender, home, or family life.
8. The study makes minimal interruptions of the regular school program and makes no undue demands upon the time of students, teachers, administrators, or other district personnel.
9. The study is planned well in advance to avoid conflicts in scheduling. Generally, data collection cannot occur during districtwide testing periods.
10. The study makes provisions for protecting the confidentiality of personal data concerning pupils and employees.
11. The study involves no expense to GCCISD.
12. The study indicates a date by which the GCCISD can expect to receive two final copies of the study.