

## Community Relations

### Relations between Non-Public and other Educational Organizations and the Schools

The Brookfield Board of Education shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible with other school districts and with other local and state and regional agencies and organizations in the solution of educational problems of common concern. This cooperation shall extend to areas such as research, exchange of information and data, coordination of curriculum, coordination of school calendars and activities, construction of facilities which may be efficiently utilized on a cooperative basis--such as facilities for performing arts and any other facility where it may be advantageous to serve a broader area than Brookfield with a single facility.

The Board of Education will cooperate with parochial and private schools in matters of mutual benefit where not expressly prohibited by law.

The superintendent is encouraged to explore areas of mutual benefit with the administrative officers of such schools and to recommend desirable courses of action.

### Relations with Education Research and Service Centers

The Superintendent is authorized to cooperate as far as possible with colleges, universities and other recognized research agencies in promoting potentially useful research.

Decisions in connection with research involving students, teachers or other employees, will be influenced by the following factors:

1. The objectives of the research should be clearly stated and the design should produce valid and reliable results which will then be made available to the Brookfield Public Schools.
2. The research should be expected to contribute to the improvement of education or the general welfare of children.
3. Data derived from school records, interviews or questionnaires which have potential for invasion of the privacy of students or their families must have advanced written authorization of parents or legal guardians even though the data are to be collected and reported under conditions of anonymity.

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4. Research proposals should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort of Brookfield students and staff members.
5. In general, instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is a clear significance for the educational program of the Brookfield schools.
6. Projects involving student researchers must have prior written approval by a faculty member of the institution in which the student is enrolled. This faculty member must have direct responsibility related to the student's research.

(cf. 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy of Students)