

# Research Requests

**Fall Research Request Applications Open July 15**  
**Spring Research Request Applications Open November 15**

Denton Independent School District has a special interest in cooperating with persons wishing to conduct research, surveys, and studies within the schools. In keeping with the mission of Denton ISD, all proposals must be in the best interest of the students being served. Prior to the research, survey, or study, the district must decide that the data generated will be useful in its programming.

## To be considered:

- A **Research Proposal Application** form must be completed and returned via email to [malvarado@dentonisd.org](mailto:malvarado@dentonisd.org)
- The applicant; along with all others involved, must complete a background application **each** Academic School Year, **via the AppliTrack portal**
- All research studies must be completed virtually

Consideration of proposals will be done in a timely manner in order of receipt. As a result of the volume of requests, the school district gives priority consideration to studies being conducted by doctoral students or by university faculty members involved in research. Master's theses, undergraduate papers and surveys are discouraged. However, all proposals will receive strong consideration based on merit.

## The following factors should be considered in the preparation of a proposal for research:

1. The deadline for consideration are October 15 for Fall projects and April 15 for Spring projects. This policy is based upon the requirements of the local assessment program and general activities within the schools.
2. Proposals must be compatible with the policies and regulations of Denton ISD.
3. No students may be personally identified and reported as individuals within a study. There will be no visual recording, of students or staff. Audio recording is allowable only if all university requirements regarding student confidentiality have been met. The use of test results, attendance and other personal data will be carefully limited.
4. The amount of time required from students or the professional staff will be a key-determining factor. Therefore, researchers should use small groups or samples whenever possible. Permission to use all schools or all students in a grade level is not possible.
5. No human subject will be subjected to experimental treatments (including medications or mind control) or control groups that will impede their learning rate or subject them to physical harm or discomfort.
6. No human subject will be subjected to electronic devices that may be attached or used by a subject that may emit radiation and/or electrical charges, e.g., X rays, electrolysis, shocking or stunning devices, etc., and inordinate sound damaging high or low frequency sounds.
7. The potential value of the results of the research to Denton ISD is necessary. Therefore, a summary or copy of the results is required. A copy of the doctoral dissertation should be sent to [malvarado@dentonisd.org](mailto:malvarado@dentonisd.org)
8. The interest of the principal(s) and his/her ability to schedule or accommodate the research will be a factor.
9. When a university student is included in the research, the project must have the prior approval of the major advisor.
10. A background check is required for any person(s) having contact with students, teachers or Administrators on campus. Background checks must be cleared through Denton ISD prior to the research proposal being approved.
11. Upon completion of your background check, you will receive a confirmation. Send your confirmation to: [malvarado@dentonisd.org](mailto:malvarado@dentonisd.org) – this will provide access to begin the process of consideration.
12. Once research is approved, changes may not be made without resubmitting and receiving approval for changes.

## For more information, please contact:

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