

Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS

POLICY

The Board supports research projects and experimental program requests that have the potential to benefit persons with disabilities. Such projects and programs shall have the written approval of the research review committee responsible for the oversight of the college, university or other accredited institution of learning, if applicable. Such project or program shall also have the approval of the Board's Human Rights Committee.

In addition, all research and experimental programs will respect the individual's right to privacy and comply with applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code including the Bill of Rights for Persons with Developmental Disabilities including "The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological, or other research or experiments", and Board policy including "Confidentiality" and "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)".

The outcome and/or results of approved research projects and experimental programs shall be shared with the Superintendent and/or others as designated by the Superintendent. The Superintendent is authorized to approve research project or experimental program requests consistent with Board policy.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish and revise as needed, the procedures to be utilized in the implementation of this policy.

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