

VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

TITLE: *Participation of Children in Human Research*

POLICY NUMBER: S013

Policy Statement:

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB) recognizes the need for investigations in which human beings may serve as research subjects. VSDB is also cognizant of its responsibility for ensuring the privacy, safety, health and welfare of such subjects are adequately protected. Accordingly, human research at VSDB shall be in accordance with the requirements of Code of Virginia §32.1-162. 16 through 32.1-162.20 and 45 CFR Part 46.

Definition:

Human Research means any systemic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, utilizing human subjects, that is designed to develop or contribute to generalized knowledge. Human research shall not be deemed to include research exempt from federal research regulation pursuant to 45 CFR §46.101(b).

Procedure:

1. Any human research involving students must be submitted to the Superintendent for approval in a written request.
2. The VSDB shall obtain review and approval from an internal, institutional review board or research review committee prior to authorizing a human research protocol at VSDB.
 - a. In deciding whether to approve proposed human research, the committee will consider the factors listed in Va. Code § 32.1-162.19.
 - b. The human research committee will be composed of representatives of varied backgrounds to ensure the competent, complete, and professional review of human research activities and will be approved by the Superintendent.
 - c. No member of the committee may be directly involved in the proposed human research or have administrative approval authority over the proposed human research except in connection with his responsibilities as a member of the committee.
 - d. Documentation of this review and approval shall be maintained and made available on request by the individual or his authorized representative.
3. The committee shall submit to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee, at least annually, a report on the student projects reviewed and approved by the committee, which shall state significant deviations from the proposals as approved.
4. After approval by the institutional review board, research will be conducted under the review of the Superintendent or designee and authorized only after the student and the student's parents or legally authorized representative give their informed consent, as evidenced by a signed and witnessed informed consent form.

5. All materials, including manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any such research will be available for inspection by the parents or guardian of any students involved.
6. Each student has a right to choose to participate or not participate in human research.

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