

# BREMERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Ethical Principles for Research

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*The following principles must be followed by anyone (including employees) conducting research in the Bremerton School District:*

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1. The investigator is responsible for seeing that both he/she and his/her collaborators and/or assistants treat the research participants fairly and ethically.
2. The study must not invade the privacy of students and their families, or district employees and their families.
3. Schools, students, and staff cannot be identified by name or any other identifying manner in any reports or publications, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.
4. The investigator must make full disclosure to and answer all questions of participants regarding features of the research that might affect their willingness to participate.
5. When the validity of a study necessitates concealment or deception, the researcher must make clear to the participants the reasons for such action prior to the commencement of the research.
6. The investigator must respect the right of families, students, and staff to decline participation and to discontinue participation at any time. Participants must be informed of this right prior to the commencement of the research.
7. The investigator must make clear to the participant, from the outset, both the investigator's and participant's responsibilities. Commitments made at this time must be honored.
8. The investigator must protect participants from physical and mental discomfort, harm, or danger, and other undesirable consequences.
9. After the data are collected, the investigator must provide participants with full clarification of the study and remove any incipient misconceptions.
10. The investigator must treat information obtained about research participants as confidential. If others have access to such information, the investigator must, before undertaking the research, explain this possibility and his/her plans to continue to protect confidentiality.

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*I, the undersigned, agree to adhere to all of the above principles.*

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Proposer of Research

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Date

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