FACULTY/STUDENT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

It is within the role and scope of faculty/student collaborative research at Collin County Community College District to utilize human subjects from time to time in carrying out activities contributing to the advancement of knowledge.

Safeguarding the rights and welfare of human subjects in such research, development and related activities is of prime concern to the college district and, therefore, it is the policy of this institution to review these research studies through an Institutional Review Board (IRB) under the leadership of an appointed Compliance Officer. The purpose of the IRB is to minimize the risks of injury to human subjects and to insure maximum protection for the rights and welfare of subjects. Operating guidelines of the IRB shall be consistent with the "Belmont Report" regarding ethical principles and guidelines for research involving human subjects, published in 1979 by The National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research.

REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals with certifications that human subjects are involved shall be referred by the Compliance Officer to the IRB for initial and continuing review. Proposals approved by the IRB and by the college’s leadership team shall be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with Part 46 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Requests for research studies that are not a result of faculty/student collaboration (e.g. external dissertations, non-profit organization studies, national surveys, etc.) shall be forwarded to the appropriate member of the college district’s leadership team for review, evaluation and/or possible delegation to the IRB.