



*South Washington County Schools  
Cottage Grove, MN*

## **903.2 RELATIONS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The School Board of South Washington County Schools will cooperate with other school districts, and with other local, state and regional agencies and organizations.

### **II. RELATIONS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

The Superintendent is authorized to cooperate with other school districts. This cooperation shall extend to such areas as research, exchange of information and data, coordination of curriculum, coordination of school calendars and activities, construction of facilities which may be efficiently utilized on a cooperative basis such as television, facilities for performing arts, and any other facility where it may be advantageous to serve a broader area than South Washington County with a single facility.

In carrying out this policy, the Superintendent shall include in his/her staff studies for the School Board, an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of cooperation with other agencies on matters of joint interest.

The School Board will cooperate with parochial and private schools in matters of mutual benefit where not expressly prohibited by law.

The Superintendent is encouraged to explore areas of mutual benefit with the administrative officers of such schools and to recommend desirable courses of action.

### **III. RELATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS**

The Superintendent is authorized to cooperate with colleges, universities and other recognized research agencies in promoting research. Because of the large number of requests for studies in our schools, it is necessary to limit and establish guidelines for the approval of studies.

Decisions in connection with research involving students, teachers or other employees will be influenced by the following factors:

1. The objectives of the research should be clearly stated and the design should produce valid and reliable results which will then be made available to South Washington County Schools.

2. The research should be expected to contribute to the improvement of education or the general welfare of children.
3. Data derived from school records, interviews or questionnaires which have potential for invasion of the privacy of students or their families, the parents must be given the opportunity to have their child not participate.
4. Research proposals should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort of our students and staff members.
5. In general, instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is a clear significance for the educational program of South Washington County Schools.
6. Projects involving student researchers must have prior written approval by a faculty member of the institution in which the student is enrolled. This faculty member must have direct responsibility related to the student's research.

**Resource:** <http://www.sowashco.org/academics/research-evaluation-and-assessment/resources>

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