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Background/Purpose:

Aurora Academic Charter School is actively engaged in research to inform policy and practice. As a Public Charter School in Alberta, innovation and research are expectations of our ongoing operations coupled with strategic dissemination and knowledge mobilization. All research conducted at Aurora will follow ethical principles to assure safety, confidentiality, and mutual benefit for our students, staff, parents, and stakeholders.

Policy Statement:

Any and all research conducted within or in partnership with Aurora Academic Charter School by staff or by external researchers must have approval by the Superintendent of Schools before the particular research project is initiated.

Guidelines:

1. The Superintendent will be informed directly about any proposed research projects or surveys in a timely manner.
2. All proposed research projects must successfully complete an Aurora ethics review that is approved by the Superintendent, and the Principal(s) of the school(s) involved in the project. All proposed research projects that are affiliated with a post-secondary teaching institution(s) must, in addition, have a successfully approved ethics review for that particular institution(s).
3. Any research project may be terminated at any time by the Superintendent or designate.
4. Upon completion, all research projects conducted at Aurora must provide to the Superintendent an abstract, executive summary and complete report of the particular research project and findings.
5. All approved research projects must be considerate of students', teachers', parents', staff and administrators' schedules and work demands so as to not place an unreasonable time or work demand.
6. The total number of research projects conducted concurrently will be limited to those approved by the Superintendent so as to minimize disruption on our teaching and learning programs.
7. Any student, parent, staff member, board member or community stakeholder may opt-out of any approved research project at any time.

Accountability:

Any and all research conducted at Aurora are accountable to the Superintendent of Schools.

References:

Alberta Education – Alberta Research Network
University of Alberta Research Ethics