



**COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICIES**

BP 3226 Institutional Review Board (IRB)

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References:

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), National Science Foundation (NSF);
Title 45 part 46; Title 45 part 690;
45CFR part 690 §.107; 45CRF46.102.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the involvement of human subjects (e.g., students and employees) in research is an integral part of the advancement of educational and scientific research. This policy guides the review and approval of requests to involve human subjects from the Compton Community College District in such research. While the District will make every effort to accommodate investigatory endeavors, ethical conduct and the safety of its students and employees is the District's central priority.

All research by external investigators must be reviewed by the District Institutional Review Board (IRB). External investigators are those who conduct research for a report or study requested by an institution or agency other than the Compton Community College District.

The IRB for Human Subjects Research at Compton College has responsibility to oversee procedures for carrying out the College's commitment to protect human subjects in research. In addition to serving as an active resource regarding research ethics, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) also guides the College's research ethics, progress, and processes. The role of the IRB is to review proposed research projects that involve the use of human subjects; ensure that the individuals involved in the project are treated ethically; ensure that all subjects are provided with substantial information about the study, consent to be a subject in the study, and are debriefed as necessary; and that all private information will be handled with confidentiality. The IRB is authorized to review, approve, require modifications in, or disapprove research activities conducted by or through the College using human subjects.

The IRB does not assume the role of evaluating the soundness of the proposed research study, the merits of the research design, nor the potential contribution of the research to the scholarly literature. Rather, the IRB is charged with evaluating each project's compliance with ethical standards in regard to issues such as informed consent, confidentiality, any risk to the participants, and evaluating the alignment of the study with the College's Mission. To safeguard the well-being of human subjects, meet federal guidelines, and protect the College, the IRB is entrusted with the coordination of training for faculty, staff, management, and external researchers to keep them apprised of the most updated research ethics standards, policies, and procedures.

The President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) provides final approval to conduct external research on the campus based upon the IRB recommendation, as well as alignment with the Compton College mission and values.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

1. The IRB will comprise faculty, staff, administrators, and an external member. The IRB will be chaired by the Director of Institutional Effectiveness.
2. The primary responsibility of the IRB is to judge whether there is more than minimal risk of harm to participants in accordance with FERPA, HIPPA and Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 46 (Protection of Human Subjects), or that those risks could be further minimized, and if so the IRB will either negotiate some changes in the research methods or disapprove the research proposal entirely.
3. The objective of the IRB is to act as advocates for the safety of its students and employees in accordance with federal, state and local laws and regulations for research involving human subjects.
4. The IRB will be convened by the Director of Institutional Effectiveness on a regular and scheduled basis to review requests to conduct research by external investigators.
5. All requests to conduct research by external investigators will be reviewed in accordance with the procedures outlined in Administrative Procedure AP 3226 Procedures for Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Applicable Administrative Regulation:

AR 3226 Procedures for Institutional Review Board