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BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: May 14, 2002

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Research and Testing Policy Revision (Policy 6500)

ORIGINATOR: Christine Johns, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):** Donna Flynn, Executive Director of Assessment

INFORMATION

Recommended changes reflect the new organization and eliminate redundant language as well as outdated practices and procedures. THE POLICY NUMBER HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 6500 FOR BOTH THE POLICY AND RULE TO REFLECT NEW INDEXING GUIDELINES.

This policy was adopted in 1969 and revised in 1994. This revision is part of the initiative of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction to update the 6000 policy series. Board approval of the revisions to Policy 6500 is requested.

Changes have been reviewed twice by the Board Policy Review Committee.

Changes reflect comments received following the first and second readings of the proposed changes to the policy on March 12, 2002, and on March 26, 2002. This is the Board's third reading and a vote to approve is recommended.

Originator: Donna Flynn

Attachment 1 – Revised Policy 6500

Deputy Superintendent's authorization to proceed ____ () **Date**

Instruction

Research and Testing

[All [research and the] instruments used in research administered to students, parents, and other constituents INCLUDING SURVEYS, QUESTIONNAIRES AND INTERVIEW PROTOCOLS of the Baltimore County Public Schools **AS WELL AS THOSE ORIGINATING OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM** shall be submitted for approval to the DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND STUDENT DATA [Office of Student Evaluation]. All COUNTYWIDE standardized tests and questionnaires, administered under the auspices of the Baltimore County Public Schools shall be reviewed and approved by the DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND STUDENT DATA [Office of Student Evaluation] prior to their administration.] [All tests, examinations, or questionnaires, or parts thereof, to be presented to the pupils of the Baltimore County Public Schools having to do with personality, psychology, psychiatry, home life, or personal attitudes or morals shall receive specific approval of the Director of Student Evaluation unless the tests, examinations, or questionnaires are carried on with in the Office of Psychological Services of the Office of Pupil Personnel.] *ALL COUNTYWIDE STANDARDIZED TESTS AND QUESTIONNAIRES ADMINISTERED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING THOSE ORIGINATING OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, SHALL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND STUDENT DATA PRIOR TO THEIR ADMINISTRATION.*

THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND STUDENT DATA SHALL INSURE THAT ALL STANDARDIZED TESTING IS ADMINISTERED AND REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATES.

Policy

Adopted: 4/10/69

Revised: 7/12/94

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