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Institutional Review Board

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Policy for Research Involving Minors

When research projects involve minors:

- If a protocol is not in a school setting, it will require an expedited or full board review.
- If a protocol is in a school setting, it MAY be considered for exempt review if ALL of the following apply:
 - All of the researchers who will be working directly with the children regularly work at the school.
 - Researchers who will not be working directly with the children will not be given access to the school OR will only be collecting observational data without interacting with the children.
 - The principal of the school does not request an expedited or full board review in his/her letter of support.
 - The protocol being implemented has been regularly used in a school setting.
 - At this level of review, either a letter home to the parents or an informed consent may be used, depending on the requirements of the school.
 - A higher level of review—either expedited or full board—may be requested by the department representative, a representative of the IRB, or the school. If requested by any of these groups, the protocol must be submitted for expedited or full board review.
- If a protocol is in a school setting, it will require an expedited or full board review if any of the following apply:
 - Any of the researchers who will be working directly with the children do not regularly work at the school.
 - The principal of the school requests an expedited or full board review in his/her letter of support.
 - The protocol being implemented is not regularly used in a school setting.
 - At this level of review, written informed consent from the parents is required.