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# IRB Guidelines 1.8

## Ethical Review and Local School Districts

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Institutional Review Board (IRB)

**Overview:** This document is design to clarify whether the IRB of University of North Georgia researchers in K-12 settings to acquire school district approval before research can begin.

**The IRB Position:** The role of the UNG IRB is to ensure the ethical protection of research participants. However, the committee only determines that the research meets ethical standards as outlined by federal, state and institutional guidelines. It remains the responsibility of the principle investigator (PI) to follow any existing local protocols. To protect research participants, UNG IRB approval is granted under the contingency that the PI will not contact participants until all local protocols have been followed and written district approval has been obtained and submitted. All district approval documentation