

Policy Title: Institutional Review Board

Impact: Employees, Students, and all NIC Community Members

Responsibility: Planning and Effectiveness

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Legal Citation(s): Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45: Public Welfare, Part 46 - Protection of Human Subjects

I. Policy Narrative

Federal law requires all entities conducting research on human subjects to have an Institutional Review Board, or IRB. In accordance with the guidelines outlined in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Part 46, it is the policy of North Idaho College to protect employees, students, and community members participating in research projects conducted on college grounds by employees or students.

II. Definitions

Research: "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Activities which meet this definition constitute research, whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program which is considered research for other purposes." (CFR 45: 46, 102, item l)

Human Subjects: "living individual(s) about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information." (CFR 45: 46, 102, item e,1)

Minimal Risk: "the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research are not greater in and of themselves than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests." (CFR 45: 46, 102, item j)

Principal Investigator: A Principal Investigator is the primary individual responsible for the preparation and administration of a research project.

III. Compliance

This policy addresses all research projects involving human subjects in the following aspects:

- Research taking place on the NIC campus, even if the researcher is not an NIC employee or student
- Research using input from NIC students or employees
- Research in the community, sanctioned or assigned by NIC faculty or supervisors

Such research projects must be submitted for IRB review unless they fall into one of the “Exempt” categories defined in the procedure accompanying this policy.