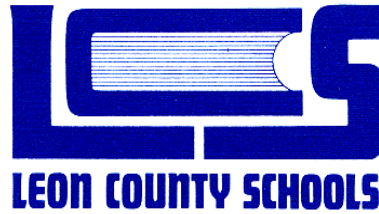


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## RESEARCH WITH LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Given the current situation with COVID-19, Leon County Schools (LCS) has temporarily suspended the acceptance and review of new research applications for the 2020-2021 academic year. To support the efforts of our schools, students, teachers, and staff, focus has been placed on the core instructional tasks and responsibilities.

### **New Requests**

LCS has suspended the review of new research requests for research beginning in the Fall 2020 semester. As LCS continues to create an engaging learning environment in the face of ever-changing circumstances, we will once again accept new research requests. Please visit the LCS Research webpage (<https://www.leonschools.net/Page/722>) for updates.

### **Extensions**

Researchers must submit a completed [Progress Report Form](#) and request an extension for continuation of research. Extensions will be reviewed by the Research Review Board to ensure that sufficient progress has been made toward the research outcomes. Initial consent and clearance procedures, specified in the initial LCS research approval letter, also apply to extensions. Extensions for multi-year studies are approved for one school year or less at a time.

Restrictions have been put in place for researchers who obtain approval for extending their research within LCS.

- If the researcher plans to conduct interviews at LCS schools, only virtual/digital interviews will be approved.
- If the researcher plans to conduct surveys at LCS schools, only online surveys will be approved.

Despite the educational model (i.e. traditional/onsite, distance learning, virtual learning) chosen for the 2020-2021 academic year, **NO** face-to-face or in-person research will be approved. With the continuing social distancing guidelines, we want to ensure that the health and safety of our stakeholders is our top priority.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the LCS Research Review Board at [ResearchRequests@leonschools.net](mailto:ResearchRequests@leonschools.net).

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