

Changes in Conducting Research at AISD

Given recent budget cuts that support external research, please note the **new competitive process** in order to obtain permission from AISD to conduct research:

- Applications will be accepted starting in January 2011 – April 2011 for the year
- Applicants will be notified of the results in May
- Only 75 Applications with the top scores will be approved (178 were submitted last year)
- The rubric for scoring is based on several categories:
 - Benefit to district
 - Burden on staff/students
 - Methodology, etc.
- There is a slightly modified application form and new criteria for review
- The new parameters will be available on the AISD website soon

Suggestions for Projects

- Relevant to Strategic Plan of AISD:
http://www.austinisd.org/inside/initiatives/strategic_plan/powerofus/docs/strategic_plan_2010_2015_v2.pdf
- Relevant to existing programs/initiatives at AISD
- Not redundant to district research/evaluation
- Utilizes minimal student time
- Limited use of longitudinal data extraction
- Use existing data elements

Submitting an Application: Electronic Submission Process

1. Go to: <http://www.austinisd.org/inside/accountability/research/>
2. Email application and accompanying materials (consent forms, recruitment letters, etc.) to externalresearch@austinisd.org
3. Mail or submit in person a \$25 application fee by check or money order made payable to AISD
4. Mail or submit in person signed *Access to Confidential Data* and *Assurances* forms

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