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**Purpose/Principle/Definitions:**

The College has the responsibility to engage in long-range educational research and planning in order to advise the President regarding policy and effective decision making. The college is committed to the position that planning must be supported by appropriate research and evaluation.

The Vice President, Instruction will approve all educational research proposals, assuring consistency with federal and state law and, when applicable, human subject protocol. The Vice President, Instruction will coordinate those approvals with the Office of Instruction for the purpose of coordinating creative efforts so that duplication, conflict, and waste of time may be avoided. A major purpose of such research is to contribute to the quality of educational programming and to advance the general welfare of students and the college.

Objectives include:

1. Introducing change in the curriculum and techniques under conditions that are conducive to the growth of the educational program;
2. Facilitating the learning process and developing greater effectiveness in teaching;
3. Creating a climate for professional growth through creativity and innovation;
4. Establishing criteria for change in educational practices through innovative development and creativity.

Proposals to involve the College in research originating from sources other than College personnel require prior approval from the President. The basic premise for involving the College in such research is the ability of the College to use the results.

**Legal References:**

[ORS 341.290](#) (3)

[ORS 341.425](#)

[OAR 589-006-0050](#)

[OAR 589-006-0100](#) (1)

[OAR 589-006-0200](#)

[OAR 589-006-0300](#)

[OAR 589-006-0400](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 (2000).  
Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98 (2000).