

### **Institutional Review Board and Protection of Human Participants in Research**

NWCCD is primarily a teaching institution. However, circumstances may arise where the involvement of District affiliated human participants in research, including its students and employees, is an important component of the educational experience and the advancement of knowledge and understanding. In accordance with federal policy (45 C.F.R. 46), NWCCD is committed to the protection of human participants in research, and all research involving human participants from the NWCCD community must be conducted in a manner that prioritizes their rights and welfare.

The College President shall appoint an Institutional Review Board (IRB) as a standing Committee at NWCCD, whose composition and responsibilities shall be established by procedure and be in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and policies. The IRB shall be responsible for reviewing and determining whether research activities involving the use of human participants from the NWCCD community meet adopted procedure to safeguard wellbeing and meet state and federal regulations and policy. No research involving human participants from the NWCCD community may be performed by any individual or group or may commence prior to IRB review and determination that the research meets adopted procedure. Final approval for any research involving the NWCCD community lies with the President or their designee.

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