



#### Research Ethics

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#### **Research Ethics**

At the end of this topic students will be able to:

- -describe the meaning of ethics in educational research
- -list and describe ethical issues concerning research in education









- Ethical considerations are an important part of research.
- Researchers must be aware of and attend to ethical considerations.
- Two main ethical rules which guide researchers are:
  - -Participants should not be harmed.
  - -Researchers must obtain participants' informed consent.





- Research participants must not be harmed in any way: Physically, mentally, socially
- Research participants must freely agree to participate in the study





- Researchers ensure freedom from harm
- No undue risks
- Personal privacy and confidentiality
- Limit access of data to those who 'need to know'





- Anonymity
- Confidentiality





## Gaining Entry to the Research Site

- Researchers need cooperation to conduct their studies.
- Identify and follow procedures for gaining approval at any given site.
- Procedures generally require filling out forms that describe the study.





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