



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A07080045

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We received an allegation¹ that a research project² in the public schools involving students did not receive the proper IRB approval. We sent a letter to the grantee, which responded with information about the project and the handling of the complaint in this case. Researchers may have assumed that their activities were exempt from disclosure to and evaluation by the Institutional Review Board. The administration of the grantee institution took appropriate steps to correct this misconception, and submitted the project to IRB committee. The IRB evaluated the activities, and provided an exemption from full IRB review. This decision is documented in the minutes of the IRB meeting.

Grantee administrative processes with respect to IRB issues and the handling of complaints have been reviewed. This particular issue has now been properly evaluated. No further action is necessary to ensure that proper IRB processes are followed.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

¹ Redacted.

² Redacted.