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Institutional Review Board (IRB)

**IRB Guidelines 1.1**  
**Exempt Research Applications**  
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**Overview**

All research projects –

3. Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under category two (B2) of this section, if:
  - a. The participants are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office.
  - b. Federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.
4. Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the researcher in such a manner that participants cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to them.
5. Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of fed