# Research & Development Process



Developmental Research Schoo at the University of Florida

The purpose of research and development (R&D) efforts at P.K. Yonge is to support its commitment to provide a quality K-12 educational program, improve teacher education, and serve schools in the state of Florida.

#### Considerations

The following positive and negative factors will be utilized in determining the suitability of a research study.

#### **Positive Considerations**

- Will assist university students and faculty
- Will benefit teaching and learning
- Will benefit P.K. Yonge by providing information/resources that improve teaching and learning efforts
- Will produce findings related to the P.K. Yonge research agenda

### **Negative Considerations**

- Targets certain groups in a negative light
- Number of studies being conducted
- Scope dictates that the time required or number of participants proves to be counterproductive
- Excessive time needed for individual and/or group assessments; too many assessments
- Research project interferes with or negatively impacts the P.K. Yonge program

## Directions for Applying to Conduct Research at P.K. Yonge

- 1. Prepare a University of Florida Institutional Review Board (UF IRB) protocol. For instructions on how to prepare a UFIRB protocol, see the UF IRB website.
- 2. After you receive written approval from the UFIRB to conduct the research, complete the form for Application for Research at P.K. Yonge.
- 3. After completing the Application for Research at P.K. Yonge form:
  - a. Sign the form as applicant. Students must obtain the signature of their advisor.
  - b. Attach one (1) copy of the UF IRB form.
  - c. Attach one (1) copy of each instrument to be used (i.e., assessment, interview protocol, observation measure).
  - d. If the research is supported by a grant, attach one (1) copy of the grant summary.
  - e. Include one (1) copy of IRB-approved parent/guardian consent letter and IRB-approved student assent script.
  - f. Attach one (1) copy of plans for informing parents/guardians and collecting signature forms.
- 4. Submit application packet materials to Dr. Mickey MacDonald, Director of Research, Accountability, and Assessment <a href="mmacdonald@pky.ufl.edu">mmacdonald@pky.ufl.edu</a>
- 5. Requests are processed within two weeks.
- 6. If the proposal is approved, the researcher will be contacted to work out logistics of the study and a copy the approved Research Application will be forwarded to all involved P.K. Yonge personnel.
- 7. Once started, research is monitored by the relevant staff.
- 8. Once completed, the researcher is obligated to submit a copy of the research results for placement in the P.K. Yonge Library and data files (eeubanks@pky.ufl.edu, mmacdonald@pky.ufl.edu).
- 9. Publications related to the research are required to reference P.K. Yonge involvement.

For questions, contact Dr. Brian K. Marchman | P.K. Yonge Director | marchman@ufl.edu
THIS PROCESS MAY TAKE UP TO 2 WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

DATES FOR RESEARCH ARE DETERMINED BY THE PKY FACULTY INVOLVED.