

# POLICY

### **Title: Research Ethics**

Policy Statement:

The Board of Governors of Northern Lakes College believes in protecting participants in research projects from greater than minimal risks.

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**Sponsorship:** Academic

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**Stakeholders Consulted (Date):** Senior Management Team - February 26, 2013; May 29, 2014.

#### **Reference to other Documents:**

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) Alberta Human Rights Tri-Council Policy Statement on Integrity in Research and Scholarship Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans

#### **Definitions:**

*Minimal risk* is if "participants can reasonably be expected to regard the probability and magnitude of possible harms implied by participation in the research to be no greater than those encountered by the subject in those aspects of his/her everyday life that relate to the research."

(Tri-Council Policy Statement on Research Ethics, Article C1 – December 2010)

## Guidelines:

Participants in research projects have the following rights:

- 1. to consent to participation without coercion;
- 2. to be fully informed about the project, except under special circumstances;
- 3. to be provided with opportunity to assess risk;
- 4. to withdraw from the research without penalty of any kind (including loss of agreed upon monetary reimbursement or other incentives);
- 5. to be fully informed of the degree of anonymity;
- 6. to have access to the research results.