Request for Exempt Status from Full Research Committee Review

Certain categories of research deemed very low risk under Federal regulations may be granted Exempt Status, once the appropriate review has been conducted by the WJCS Research Committee. If Exempt Status is granted, the study will not require continuing or other review, unless: (a) procedures are revised, which deviate from those originally approved by the Research Committee; (b) adverse events or problems occur; or (c) complaints are made.

If you are claiming exempt status, please complete the Basic Review Form.

Part I

Exempt status may be claimed under the following categories. Please check all that apply.

☐ 1. Research is a study of normal educational practices in commonly accepted educational settings.
   - The investigator does not participate in the activities being observed.
   - The observed activities are part of the usual curriculum or activities and have not been introduced for the purpose of the proposed project.

☐ 2. Research involves:
   - The use of educational tests, surveys, or interviews where identifiers are not recorded by the investigator and where there is neither a risk of harm to participants nor information sought concerning sensitive aspects of the participants’ behavior; or
   - Observation of public behavior, where identifiers are not recorded by the investigator and there is neither a risk of harm to participants nor observation of sensitive aspects of the participants’ behavior.
   - Research does not involve surveys or interviews with children, experiments involving computer simulations of decision making, laboratory tests of group interactions, or activities involving deceit or manipulation of beliefs.

☐ 3. Research involves only:
   - The collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological or diagnostic specimens, where publicly available; or
   - The information is private, but identifiers are not recorded by the investigator.
Part II

Please complete the following Exempt Justification Statement.

I believe my research qualifies for exempt status under one or more categories indicated above, for the following reason(s):

I certify that the above statements are true.

Principal Investigator’s signature: _________________________ Date: