

Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects

Date: 10/08/2026

IRB PROTOCOL NO.: 2027-032

Protocol Title: Exploring Student-Teacher Relationships in a Relationship-Centered High School: A Qualitative Case Study

Principal Investigator: Karin McWhorter

Faculty Advisor if Applicable: Robert Mitchell

Application: New Submission

Type of Review: Expedited 7

Risk Level: Minimal

Renewal Review Level (If changed from original approval) if Applicable:

This Protocol involves a Vulnerable Population: Children

Expires: N/A

Externally funded:

OSP #: Sponsor:

Thank you for submitting your Request for IRB Review. The protocol identified above has been reviewed according to the policies of this institution and the provisions of applicable federal regulations. The review category is noted above, along with the expiration date, if applicable. In addition, the protocol may match more than one review category not listed.

Once human participant research has been approved, it is the Principal Investigator's (PI) responsibility to abide by the following:

- The PI must submit all protocol, recruitment, advertising, and consent form amendments/revisions to the IRB for approval.
 - The IRB must approve these changes prior to implementation.
- Changes in funding status must be reported to the IRB as quickly as possible to ensure funding requirements are met.
- The PI must promptly inform the IRB of all unanticipated serious adverse events (within 24 hours). All unanticipated adverse events must be reported to the IRB within 1 week (see [45CFR46.108\(a\)\(4\)\(i\)](#)). Failure to comply with these federally mandated responsibilities may result in suspension or termination of the project. This includes possible exposure of research personnel or participants to COVID-19.
- The PI must submit a Continuing Review/Renewal application to the IRB at least **10 business days prior to expiration**. For studies with no expiration, a brief check-in application is required annually.
- If you are a student, note that it is required to include the IRB approval letter to the library when you submit the dissertation/thesis.
- Notify the IRB when the study is complete.
- For in-person research, must halt research at anytime if notified to do so by the IRB due to changing COVID-19 related conditions or changes in campus, county, or state policy.

If you have any questions, please contact the Research Compliance Program Director in the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Integrity at 719-255-3903 or irb@uccs.edu

Thank you for your concern about human subject protection issues, and good luck with your research.

Sincerely yours,

Grant Clayton