

**Armstrong Atlantic State University
Criteria for Exempt Status**

Will this project be supported by federal funds? yes _____ no _____

Check the categories below that you feel qualify your project for exempt status.

- _____ 1. Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies; or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.
- _____ 2. Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless **a research subject will be under 18 years of age*** or (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; or (b) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation.
- _____ 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 2, if (a) the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or (b) federal statute(s) without exemption that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.
- _____ 4. Research involving the collection study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.
- _____ 5. Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in methods or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.
- _____ 6. Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed; or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.* Research described in category 2 that is supported by federal funds and which involves subjects under the age of 18 cannot be certified as exempt. If the project otherwise meets the above criteria for exempt status, it may be reviewed by expedited procedures.

Research described in category 2 not supported by federal funds that involves subjects under the age of 18 can be certified as exempt only when the research subjects are students currently enrolled at Armstrong Atlantic State University. Use of the subjects under the age of 18 who are not currently enrolled at Armstrong Atlantic State University requires expedited review for IRB approval.