such as research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.

unless: (i) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (ii) any disclosure of the human subjects outside of 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.

Application of this exemption category to research with children is limited to the use of educational tests or to observation of public behavior where the investigator does not participate in the activities being observed. It cannot be applied to projects involving surveys or interviews with children.

if these sources are publicly available; or the information is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

Research and demonstration projects that are conducted by or subject to the approval of federal department or agency heads, and that are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: public benefit or service programs; procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs. This exemption is for federally supported projects and is most appropriately invoked with authorization or concurrence by the funding agency. The following criteria must be satisfied to invoke this exemption:

The program under study must deliver a public benefit (e.g., financial or medical benefits) or service (e.g., social, supportive, or nutritional services);

It must be conducted pursuant to specific federal statutory authority;

There must be no statutory requirements that the project be reviewed by an IRB

The project must not involve significant physical invasions or intrusions upon the privacy of participants.

if wholesome foods without additives are consumed; or if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protections Agency or the Food Safe