



Fairfax County Public Schools

Research Plans and Guidelines

Month	Topics
September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Begin Research Log</i> 	<i>What is research? What is teacher research? What are the expectations for this project? Where do research questions come from? What is my research question?</i>
October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Begin Data Collection</i> 	<i>How do I find out more about what interests me? How do I look at what I'm curious about? What is data? What does it tell me? How do I revise my research question?</i>
November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Data Collection</i> 	<i>Where does the data lead me? What else do I want to know?</i>
December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>...and Analysis</i> 	<i>What questions are emerging from the data? What is my research question now? What does the data mean?</i>
January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Complete Major Data Collection</i> 	<i>Looking at my data as a whole, what is my research question now, and what do I think I've learned?</i>
February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Begin Draft Writing</i> 	
March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<i>As I write, what am I learning? How can I best show what I have learned? Where are there gaps in my research?</i>
April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Deadline draft of Research Report</i> 	
May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Post Research on Data base</i> • <i>Attend Conference</i> 	<i>What can I say, at this point, I've learned? What questions do I want to study further?</i>