

Research Summaries in Support of This We Believe (TWB) **Submission Guidelines**

The Research Advisory Board of the National Middle School Association is seeking submissions for the peer-reviewed online ***Research Summaries in Support of This We Believe***. NMSA research summaries are abbreviated reviews of the literature in support of tenets of *This We Believe* (2003) and are not to be viewed as exhaustive reviews of the research literature. Research summaries are designed to inform middle school practice, research, and policy as well as to provide basic information about the education of young adolescents for parents and community members.

Manuscripts should: (1) be approximately 2500 words; (2) be double-spaced with 1-inch margins in 12-point Times New Roman font; (3) follow the 5th Edition of the publication manual of the *American Psychological Association*; (4) address a tenet of *This We Believe*:

- Educators who value working with this age group and are prepared to do so
- Courageous, collaborative leadership
- A shared vision that guides decisions
- An inviting, supportive, and safe environment
- High expectations for every member of the learning community
- Students and teachers engaged in active learning
- An adult advocate for every student
- School-initiated family and community partnerships
- Curriculum that is relevant, challenging, integrative, and exploratory
- Multiple learning and teaching approaches that respond to diversity
- Assessment and evaluation programs that promote quality learning
- Organizational structures that support meaningful relationships and learning
- School-wide efforts and policies that foster health, wellness, and safety;
- Multifaceted guidance and support services; and,

(5) identify a concept (e.g., professional development for teachers, interdisciplinary teaming) in support of a tenet of TWB and provide an operational definition; (6) provide a summary of current research addressing the concept including references; (7) present 3-5 annotated references of approximately 150 words each; and, (8) if appropriate, present a list of recommended resources that are practitioner oriented. For examples, see the Interdisciplinary Teaming and Professional Development for Teachers research summaries and *Research and Resources in Support of This We Believe* (NMSA, 2003).

To submit a research summary: (1) submit your electronic manuscript sent via email in a Microsoft Word file to caskeym@pdx.edu; and (2) attach a cover letter that includes your name(s), affiliation(s), home and work addresses and telephone numbers, fax number, and email address, TWB tenet addressed, and concept researched. **Your name should not appear anywhere in the text.** Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged by email. Upon acceptance, copyright forms will be secured. Authorship will be acknowledged through the inclusion of full citation information. Anyone interested in authoring a summary should contact Micki Caskey NMSA Research Advisory Board member at caskeym@pdx.edu to discuss a potential concept and expertise in that area.

Manuscript review: The Research Advisory Board of the National Middle School Association uses a blind review process for manuscript consideration.