Research that only includes interactions involving educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures, or observations of public behavior (including visual or auditory recording).

Identifiers: The information obtained is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that the identity of the human subjects CAN readily be ascertained, directly or through identifiers linked to subjects.

Any disclosure of the human subjects’ responses outside the research would reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, educational advancement, or reputation.

The exempt category does not apply if the investigator participates in the activities involved in the educational test or the public behavior being observed if children are involved.

A project need only meet one of the positive endpoints to qualify for the exemption. If a study involves more than the activities noted here, it can only qualify as exempt if all other activities fall into one or more other Exempt Category(ies).