

# School Research Partnership Projects and Policy Briefs – Spring, 2014

The Duke University School Research Partnership (SRP) Office facilitates collaboration between Duke researchers and area school districts to create and maintain mutually beneficial relationships. The SRP Office strives to serve as a portal between Duke and the school districts and to assist researchers in getting their studies placed in schools. A core component of SRP is the Duke Research Consultation Program in which undergraduates function as research assistants/consultants for Durham Public School staff members, e.g., principals, school board members, and administrative staff, as well as for leaders of other agencies and organizations. These students work under the supervision of a Duke faculty member or Research Scientist to address questions of specific interest to their community partner as part of an independent study class they are taking.

Below is a list of the students, advisors, and community partners for the SRP projects conducted during 2014. To review the policy brief that students prepared for their partner, click on the project title below.

## Spring 2014

### [Student Recommendations for New Summer STEM programs at NCSSM](#)

**Student:** Tiffany Chien, biology major  
**Partner:** Geoff Coltrane, Director of Institutional Research and Engagement, NC School of Science and Mathematics  
**Advisor:** Ben Goodman, Research Scientist, Center for Child and Family Policy

### [How Students and Administrators Can Work Together to Foster Greater Student Ownership of School Issues](#)

**Student:** Natalie Hall, public policy major  
**Partner:** Tom Forcella, Superintendent, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools  
Magda Parvey, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools  
**Advisor:** Marta Sanchez, Research Scientist, Center for Child and Family Policy

### [Alternative Regulatory Frameworks for The Little School at Duke](#)

**Student:** Lia Cromwell, public policy major  
**Partner:** Monica Pallett, Community and Outdoor Learning, The Little School at Duke  
**Advisor:** Joel Rosch, Senior Research Scholar and Policy Liaison, Center for Child and Family Policy

### [Low-Income, High Minority School Districts: Policy Options for Academic Success](#)

**Student:** Chandler Thomas, public policy major  
**Partner:** Dan Kimberg, Founder and Executive Director, Student U  
**Advisor:** Shane Goodridge, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Practice, Program in Education

[An Invaluable Resource: Tracking and Interviewing Hill Center Alumni](#)

***Student:*** Chris Geary, public policy major

***Partner:*** Bryan Brander, Principal/Director of Student Programs, Hill Center

***Advisor:*** Carol Ripple, Associate Director for Education Research & Engagement, Social Science Research Institute