Does My Project Require IRB Approval?

Does your project involve human participants at Fairleigh Dickinson University and/or affiliated sites? Human participant means a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information*.

YES or
MAYBE □

Is your project a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation of data?

YES or
MAYBE □

Will you use any of your findings from this project for generalizable knowledge (for example: in your thesis, dissertation, and/or marketing; presenting at conferences; publishing in journals, newspapers, websites, etc.; or make available in public libraries, department files, etc.)?

NO □

STOP
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Will you use any of your findings from this project to enhance ONLY your knowledge and/or others within the classroom, university, and/or affiliated sites?

NO or
MAYBE □

YES □

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You Need Written IRB Approval BEFORE Starting Your Project

NO □

YES or
MAYBE □

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* "Identifiable private information" is defined by the Office of Human Research Protections as "information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information that has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and that the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a medical record). Private information must be individually identifiable (i.e., the identity of the subject is or may readily be ascertained by the investigator or associated with the information) in order for obtaining the information to constitute research involving human subjects."