

CHILD ASSENT FOR STUDY/PROJECT

This template should be used for children between the ages of 7 to 12 years.

Be consistent throughout the document, use simple language and short sentences. Use language that is age appropriate; however, the language must be targeted to the youngest reader.

The document should be consistent with your application.

STUDY/PROJECT TITLE:

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

1. [Insert name of PI/project lead] is doing a study/project about [insert study/project topic or condition and explain why the child is eligible to participate].
2. We are asking you to take part in this study/project because we want to learn more about [outline what the study/project is about. Use language that will be easily understood by the child. Avoid jargon and technical terms].
3. If you agree to be in this study/project, you will be asked to [describe what will take place].
 - [List and describe the procedures/tests/activities and their frequency chronologically using simple language, short sentences and short paragraphs.]
 - [Use bullets or number the paragraphs as appropriate.]
 - [Describe types of questions in questionnaires/surveys or interviews.]
 - [Specify the location of study/project activities.]
 - [If the study will include experimental or non-experimental procedures, please specify which procedures are experimental.]
4. Sometimes things happen in studies/projects. Some of the bad things that could happen are [describe any risks to the child]. Some of these things might happen to you or they might not. Some things might happen that we don't know about yet.
 - [List and describe any reasonable foreseeable risks, discomforts, inconveniences, and how these will be managed.]
 - [If there are significant psychological risks that might cause the researcher to end the participant's participation in the study/project, please describe them.]
 - [If there are no anticipated risks or discomforts, please state, "There are no anticipated risks or discomforts."]

5. People also have good things happen to them when they are in studies/projects. The good things may be [describe any benefits to the child or other children. If the child will not directly benefit from participation, please state, "You will not directly benefit from your participation in the study/project."].
6. You will receive... [Indicate if the child receives any payment for being in the research, otherwise delete .]
7. We will ask your parent(s)/guardian(s) to give their permission for you to take part in this study/project. Even if your parents say "yes", you can still say "no". You do not have to join this study/project. Joining is up to you. [If the study/project is conducted in a school setting, indicate where & when the research/project will take place and include the alternatives, such as completing another assignment given by the teacher.]
8. You can say "yes" now and change your mind later. All you have to do is tell us you want to stop. No one will be mad at you if you don't want to be in the study/project or if you join the study/project and change your mind later and stop. The researcher/project lead may also ask you to no longer be part of the study/project if [include if applicable: either to protect your health and safety, or] because [explain].
9. Before you say yes or no to being in this study/project, we will answer any questions you have. If you join the study/project, you can ask questions at any time, just tell us that you have a question.
10. If you have questions about your rights, your parent/guardian has a number to call.

If you put your name below, it means that you agree to take part in this study/project.

Name of Child	Child's Signature	Date Signed
Name of Person Obtaining Assent	Signature	Date Signed