**RESEARCH PARTICIPATION INFORMED CONSENT**

**(For use with protocols requiring written consent)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Remove these instructions before finalizing the consent form and submitting for IRB review. Modify the template to fit your study by replacing the open fields and highlighted text with your study specific information and deleting sections that do not apply.

**NOTE:** Certain research projects may require additional consent statements. For example, study populations involving minors, elderly adults, and/or individuals with diminished physical or mental capacity may require a mandated reporter statement. Please review the “Supplemental consent language” job aid on the ORC website before finalizing your consent form.

Study Title:

Researcher:

Faculty Research Advisor:

Program: Insert your school or program, followed by Southern Illinois University Carbondale (example: School of Education, Southern Illinois University Carbondale)

**KEY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS RESEARCH**

The key information that follows can help you learn more about this research project. It can also help you decide whether or not to participate. Please read the entire consent form or have someone read it with you. If there is anything that you do not understand, please talk to the researcher to have your questions answered before you agree to participate.

**STUDY PURPOSE**

The purpose of this research is to (Your purpose statement should be **very short** (a sentence or two) and **easy to understand** (avoid technical terms/academic jargon).

**DESCRIPTION AND TIME COMMITMENT**

If you agree to participate in this research, you will complete [interview, survey, etc.]. Participation will take (state duration). The research activity includes (Briefly explain the scope of the research activity. For example: Participation includes a recorded interview and a stress assessment questionnaire.)

**ELIGIBILITY**

To participate in this research, you must be \_\_\_ years of age. (Participants must be at least 18 years of age or older, 19 for Nebraska residents, to consent). **If your sample requires other specific characteristics, you must also include that information**; for example, if your study is only open to full time teachers you would state “Participants must be currently employed as a teacher to participate”).

**PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY**

Your participation is voluntary. You can decide to participate or not participate. You may withdraw at any time. You may skip any question you do not wish to answer or decline any activity you do not wish to participate in. If you do not want to be in this study or choose to withdraw from the study at any point, your decision will not affect your relationship with, or services you receive from, SIUC.

To withdraw (explain how participants can withdraw. For example, for an interview state “To withdraw before the study begins, email the researcher. You can also tell the researcher you would like to withdraw during any in-person activities”). If you withdraw your participation, already collected data (may be retained or will be discarded). collected data. Once the data has been aggregated and analyzed, it may not be possible for the research team to remove collected data from the study.

**RISKS AND BENEFITS**

Risks associated with this research study include (describe in simple language; examples include social or economic risks (e.g. impact on social standing or employment), physical risks (e.g., nausea, muscle aches, rashes, or infection), and/or emotional risks (e.g., sadness or anxiety). **If there are no anticipated risks, state**: We do not anticipate any risks from participating in this research beyond those encountered in daily life).

We cannot guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits. The reasonably expected benefits of participating in this research include (often there is no direct benefit to the participant. You may elect to describe expected benefits to society or scientific knowledge using this statement: Information from this research study may benefit other people now or in the future…” or “…We hope to learn more about …”).

**Note:** Receiving compensation or extra credit are not benefits.

**COMPENSATION** (remove this section if you are not offering incentives)

You will receive (Specify the **exact** compensation amount, de minimis gift, or extra credit a participant will receive) for your participation. If providing course credit, alternatives for earning equivalent credit without participating in research must be described.

**NOTE:** Researchers should contact Procurement, in advance, if they plan to use state or local funds to purchase incentives and/or the Sponsored Projects Office (for grant-funded research).

**PRIVACY, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND DATA SECURITY**

For all research projects: Research data will be stored securely, in compliance with Southern Illinois University Carbondale standards. We will make every effort to ensure that only authorized members of the research team have access to identifiable information, if collected. You should know that in some cases we may have to show your information to other people. For example, university personnel, research sponsors, government officials, and/or safety monitors may need to review the research records to make sure the study is done in a safe and appropriate manner.

For research using online survey tools, include the following statement: When completing an online survey, it is possible, although unlikely, that unauthorized individuals could gain access to your responses. Third-party applications used in this study may have their own privacy and security policies that you can find on their website. No guarantees can be made regarding the interception of data sent via the Internet; however, we anticipate that your participation in this survey presents no greater risk than everyday use of the Internet.

For research projects that collect identifiable data: Identifiable research records will be retained for (describe how long you will retain research records. Generally, this is 3 years after the study ends). After this period, identifiable records will be (**select one**: securely destroyed or de-identified and stored indefinitely).

**SHARING DATA COLLECTED FROM THIS RESEARCH**

De-identified data from this research study may be shared with the research community at large and used for future research projects without additional informed consent. For confidentiality, we will remove any personal information, if collected, that could identify you before files are shared with other researchers. Despite these measures, we cannot guarantee the anonymity of your personal data.

**AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING** (remove this section if you are not audio/video recording)

As part of this study, you will be [audio/video] recorded. The recordings will help us accurately capture what you share. These recordings will only be used for research purposes and will be stored securely. You may choose to stop the recording at any time. If applicable: If you do not want to be recorded, you can still participate in the study.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

Please contact me, (your name), from the school of (your SIU school), at (SIU email and include office phone number if faculty) with any questions. If you are a student, also include the following: The faculty advisor overseeing this research is (advisor name) from the school of (advisor school) and can be contacted at (faculty advisor’s SIU email and office phone number).

**STATEMENT OF CONSENT**

I understand what this research study is about, and my questions so far have been answered. I consent to take part in the study.  If your research includes interviews, focus groups, or other open-ended questions, add “…and to have to have my responses quoted using a pseudonym.” If your survey includes audio/video recording, add “…and to have this interview audio/video recorded.” I understand that I will receive a copy of this document for my records and that the researchers will keep a copy as part of the study record.

Print Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The following IRB approval statement must be included, verbatim, as the last item on the consent: This project has been reviewed and approved by the SIUC Institutional Review Board (IRB). An IRB is a committee that protects the rights of people who participate in research. You may contact the IRB by phone at (618)453-4530 or e-mail at [siuhsc@siu.edu](mailto:siuhsc@siu.edu)