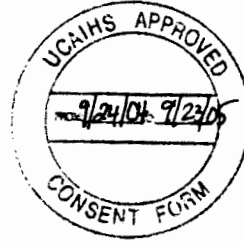




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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

A first-hand experience with laboratory procedures is an important part of many courses in psychology. At NYU, we take advantage of our faculty's active research programs to give students that experience. Students in most courses participate in carefully supervised studies, thus gaining otherwise unobtainable experience with original research in psychology.

We have both department and university-wide committees that approve studies for our students. These committees are very exacting in enforcing high ethical standards. Each of the research projects contains safeguards designed to protect the rights and welfare of the students who participate. All records are confidential, so the privacy of the student's data is protected.

The Study: Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Goal Attainment. This study is being conducted by Jennifer Thorpe who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at the Psychology Department, 7th floor Meyer, at jst267@nyu.edu, or at 646-641-8046. The faculty sponsor of this work is Professor Oettingen who can be reached at the Psychology Department, room 455, 212-998-7915, or at gabriele.oettingen@nyu.edu, and Peter Gollwitzer who can be reached at the Psychology Department, room 781, 212-998-7875, or at peter.gollwitzer@nyu.edu.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about the way different attitudes and strategies students have relate to one another.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: complete questionnaires about his or her academic life and his or her opinions and complete a few computer tasks. Participation will take about 30 minutes for which your child will receive 0.5 credits.

Its Risks: There are no known risks associated with this study.

Its Benefits: Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand the helpful nature of the advice students can give.

Privacy: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by the use of a numeric coding system. The coding sheet that links subjects' names to their code number will be kept in a separate locked drawer in the principal investigator's lab from the data itself. Additionally, the consent forms will be kept in a separate locked drawer from both the data and the coding sheet, again in the principal investigator's lab. Only the investigators of this experiment will have access to the data. After the study is completed, the data will be retained by the investigators in these locked drawers for no fewer than 6 years. After this time period, all paper data will be shredded and electronic data deleted.

Consent: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive his/her credit offered in exchange for that participation. Below, you will be asked to give permission to your child's grades being made available to the experimenter. If you give permission to this, your child's grades will be kept completely confidential. However, if you do not give permission to this, your child may still participate in the rest of the study.

Debriefing: On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.

Yes, I give my permission for the investigator to view/receive my child's grades for the purposes of this study.
 No, I do not give my permission for the investigator to view/receive my child's grades for the purposes of this study. My child may still participate in the study if I give my permission even if I do not give my permission to access my child's grades.

The information above has satisfied me such that I agree that my child may participate in your study. If I have any additional questions or want to report a problem, I may reach the researcher, Jennifer Thorpe, or her Faculty Sponsors, Professors Oettingen and Gollwitzer, at their contacts provided above. For questions about my child's rights as a research participant, I may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), Office of Sponsored Programs, NYU, (212) 998-2121.

I have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

Participant's Signature

Researcher's Signature

Date