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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form, for Students Earning Credit
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 Letter Writing. It is being conducted by Jennifer Thorpe, who is the principal investigator, as part of her graduate training. She can be reached at the Psychology Department, 7th floor Meyer, at jst267@nyu.edu, or at 646-641-8046. The faculty sponsors of this work are 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 advice students give through letter-writing to a prospective student.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: write a letter to a prospective student and complete a few questionnaires. Participation will take about 0.5 hours, and he or she will receive 0.5 credit.

Its Risks of Harm: There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life.

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 advice students can give.

Your Child's Rights: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. He or she will have the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer, in any interviews, questionnaires or surveys. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive the 0.5 credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Confidentiality: 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.

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

If there is anything about the study or your child's participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Jennifer Thorpe, at 646-641-8046, jst267@nyu.edu, 7th floor Meyer, or the faculty sponsors, Professor Oettingen, at the Psychology Department, room 455, 212-998-7915, or at gabriele.oettingen@nyu.edu, and Peter Gollwitzer, at the Psychology Department, room 781, 212-998-7875, or at peter.gollwitzer@nyu.edu. For questions about your child's rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or human.subjects@nyu.edu.

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Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date