Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, ____________________________, is invited to take part in a study named “Social Perception, Action, Motivation and Physical Activity/Exercise”. The study is designed to learn more about how people feel about physical activity/exercise and how they see the world/engage in action in their environment. It is being conducted by Dr. Emily Balcetis, a faculty member in the Psychology Department.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she may be asked to: tell us his/her opinions of various issues, complete measures of his/her health and fitness, engage in minor, non-invasive/intensive physical activity, and/or have physiological measures taken. Your child’s participation will take about 1 hour and he or she will receive 1 credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. Your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this or other studies. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be given to him/her.

There are no known risks associated with your child’s participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make him or her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand the way individuals see and engage physically with the world around them.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child’s grade or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, no credit but also no penalty will be given. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by not tying his or her name to the responses on the survey in any way. The data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. When it is destroyed, this will be done by deleting electronic files.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, or if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Dr. Emily Balcetis, at 212-998-3998, emilybalcetis@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, Psychology Department, Meyer Hall New York, NY 10003.

For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS/IRB), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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

Permission

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Parent’s Name (Please Print): ____________________________________________