

**PARENTAL CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY OF  
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS**

Project Title: Efficacy of North Carolina's Learn and Earn Early College High School Model

Project Director: Julie Edmunds

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION AND EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURES:**

The Early College High School to which your child is applying is participating in a study of the impact of the Early College High School model on its students. The goal of the study is to understand how the Early College High school model affects student outcomes and to understand what these schools need to do to help students be successful.

If your child participates in the study, we will collect a copy of your application to the school. This will require no time from you. The application information will be entered into a database at The North Carolina Education Research Data Center at Duke University where it will be linked with other information already collected by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. After the database is set up, we will use numbers to identify students; as a result, your child's information will not be connected to his or her name. The coding sheet that connects students' names with their identification numbers will be kept on a computer at Duke University, protected by a password. Only authorized staff at the North Carolina Education Research Data Center will have access to this original coding sheet. The research staff of this study will only have access to the database that contains no identifying information. The database will be kept as long as the Center is in operation. The paper copies of the application will be shredded after they have been entered into the database.

If your child is enrolled in the Early College High School, he or she will be asked to complete an anonymous survey on the experiences in the school. Your child may also be asked to participate in an interview on the activities of the school. Both of these activities should not take more than one hour combined. The interviews will be taped and the tapes destroyed after they are transcribed. Copies of the surveys and transcriptions will be kept for seven years in a locked cabinet, after which they will be shredded. Individual names will not be on the surveys or the interviews.

We will also randomly select a group of students to complete a Student Attitude survey. Your child may be asked to complete this survey once a year for four years even if he or she is not enrolled in this school. This survey will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. The information from this survey will be put into a database, which will be sent to Duke and linked to the other data. After the data are entered into the database, this information will not be linked to your child's name. Only approved researchers will have access to this data. The hard copy of the survey will be shredded after it is entered into the database. As described above, this database, which does not contain any identifying information, will be kept as long as the Center is in operation.

**RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS:**

There should be no risk or discomfort to your child.

**POTENTIAL BENEFITS:**

The information from this study will help schools design the best possible Early College High School experience. In addition, if your child is selected to complete the Student Attitude survey, we will provide a \$20 gift certificate as a thank you for his or her time.

**CONSENT:**

By signing this consent form, you agree that you understand the procedures and any risks and benefits involved in this research. You are free to refuse to participate or to withdraw your consent to participate in this research at any time without penalty or prejudice; your participation is entirely voluntary. Your acceptance to this Early College High School

does not depend on your agreeing to participate in this study. Your child's privacy will be protected because you will not be identified by name as a participant in this project.

The research and this consent form have been approved by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Institutional Review Board, which insures that research involving people follows federal regulations. Questions regarding your rights as a participant in this project can be answered by calling Mr. Eric Allen at (336) 256-1482. Questions regarding the research itself will be answered by Julie Edmunds at SERVE (919-402-1060 or [jedmunds@serve.org](mailto:jedmunds@serve.org)) or by Geoff Coltrane at the New Schools Project (919-781-6833 or [gcoltrane@newschoolsproject.org](mailto:gcoltrane@newschoolsproject.org)). Any new information that develops during the project will be provided to you if the information might affect your willingness to continue participation in the project.

By signing this form, you agree to allow your child to participate in the study.

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Student's Name

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Custodial Parent(s)/Guardian Signature(s)

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Date



## STUDENT ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY OF EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS

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If you are enrolled in the Early College High School, we will ask you to complete an anonymous survey on your experiences in the school. You may also be asked to participate in an interview on the activities of the school. Both of these things will not take longer than an hour. The interviews will be taped and the tapes destroyed after they are transcribed. Copies of the surveys and transcriptions will be kept for seven years in a locked cabinet. Individual names will not be on the surveys or the interviews.

We will also randomly select a group of students to complete a 45-minute Student Attitude survey. You may be asked to complete this survey once a year for four years even if you are not enrolled in this school. The information from this survey will be put into a database, which will be sent to Duke and linked to the other data. If you are asked to fill out this survey, we will give you a \$20 Amazon gift card for your time.

### ASSENT:

By signing this form, you agree that you understand this study. You may stop participating at any time. Your acceptance to this Early College High School does not depend on your agreeing to participate in this study.

By signing this form, you agree to participate in the study.

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Student's Name

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Date