

Middle School - Human Participants Informed Consent Form

Instructions to the Student Researcher/Team Leader:

- An informed consent/assent/permission form should be developed in consultation with the Adult Sponsor.
- This form is used to provide information to the research participant (or parent/guardian) about the study.
- This form documents written informed consent, minor assent, and/or parental permission when required.
- All signed informed consent forms are to be kept by the Student Researcher/Team Leader or Adult Sponsor in a safe, non-public place and NEVER sent to the regional, state or international competition SRCs.
- Student Researchers may use this sample form or copy ALL elements of it into a new document. Documents not incorporating ALL of the elements below will make the Informed Consent Form invalid.
- A separate photo release form should be used if photographs of people other than the Student Researcher(s) are to be used in the display (see page 25).

Student's Name(s): _____

Project Title: _____

I am asking for your VOLUNTARY participation in my science fair project. Please read the following information about the project. If you would like to participate, please sign in the appropriate box below.

The purpose of the project is to:

If you participate, you will be asked to:

The time required for participation is:

The potential risks of participating in the study include, but may not be limited to:

The benefits to you personally include, but may not be limited to:

Confidentiality will be maintained by:

If you have any questions about this study, feel free to contact:

Adult Sponsor: _____ Email: _____

Participation Disclaimer: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you decide not to participate, there will not be any negative consequences. Please be aware that if you do decide to participate, you may stop participating AT ANY TIME and you may decide not to answer any specific question.

By signing this form, I am attesting that I have read and understood the information above and I freely give my consent/assent to participate or permission for my child to participate.

Adult Informed Consent/Minor Assent:

_____	_____	_____
Participant's Printed Name	Signature	Date Reviewed (mm/dd/yy)

Parental/Guardian Permission (if applicable):

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Parent/Guardian's Printed Name	Signature	Date Reviewed (mm/dd/yy)
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