

## Informed Consent Form for the Roots of Engaged Citizenship Project



You are invited to participate in this research study by researchers in West Virginia, California, and Minnesota. This research project is being supported by funds from the National Science Foundation.

**PURPOSE.** The goal of this study is to learn more about how young people become good community members. We plan to have about 4,000 students in the study.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURES.** If you participate, you will be asked some questions in your classroom. It will take you about 45 minutes to answer the questions. If you would like, you may ask to see the questions before signing this page. You do not have to answer all of the questions, if you don't want to.

**DISCOMFORTS.** It is possible that some of the survey questions may make you feel uncomfortable. You can skip any questions you do not want to answer. You can stop at any time.

**BENEFITS.** This study may not help you, but what we learn may help other people.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.** If you participate, you will receive \$5.00. You will also be entered into a drawing for an Apple® iPad mini. One student from each school will win.

**CONFIDENTIALITY.** We promise that anything we learn about you in this study will be kept as secret as possible. Your parents and teachers will not see your answers. Your name will only be used to link your answers to your parents' survey and for possible follow-up in future years. If you participated last year and also participate this year, we will also use your name to connect the survey you took last year to the one you take this year, so we can see how your answers changed over time. You may take the survey even if you did not complete the survey last year.

**VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.** You do not have to take this survey. No one will be upset if you do not want to do this or if you decide to quit. You can ask questions at anytime.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

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The West Virginia University Institutional Review Board, has approved this project. You may also contact the office of research compliance at (304) 293-7073 with any questions. If you would like a copy of this form, please let us know.

**I agree to be part of this research study.**

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Researcher \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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