



INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

Assent Form for Use with Minors

Form Instruction Guide and Checklist

The Assent Form for Use with Minors form is a Microsoft Word document that allows information to be typed directly into the form or copied and pasted from another document. Information submitted for each section of the form should follow the format requirements specified and should be thorough and complete. No part of the form should be altered or deleted.

When children are involved in research, Federal regulations require Investigators to have the child's agreement to take part in the study. This is known as assent and means that the study has been explained to the child, and the child is willing to take part. This is separate from getting a parent or guardian's permission for the child to participate. Generally, OCU's IRB requires that the assent of a minor child be sought when the child is seven years of age or older unless the child's decision-making capacity is impaired. Principal investigators and student researchers must obtain the assent from a minor in-person, and electronic consent is not approved by OCU.

FORM INTRODUCTION

Enter the topic or the name of the research study. The instructional guide in the red font can be deleted.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING YOU TO DO:

Thoroughly describe the study procedures that will impact the child while using basic terms the child would understand. The instructional guide in the red font can be deleted.

DO I HAVE TO BE IN THIS STUDY?

Enter the study procedure. The instructional guide in the red font can be deleted.

WILL BEING IN THIS STUDY HURT OR HELP ME IN ANY WAY?

Enter the topic or the name of the research study. The instructional guide in the red font can be deleted.

WILL I BE PAID FOR BEING IN THIS STUDY?

Select either (a) You will not be paid for being in this study or (b) You will be paid for this study. If the child will be paid for participating in the study, provide a simple description of the payment and payment methods. Delete the statement not selected and the instructional guide in red font.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT ME?

- Enter the student procedure.
- Enter the name of the primary researcher or the student researcher and their telephone number and/or email address. Faculty sponsor name(s) and contact information can be added if the student researcher and the faculty sponsor(s) believe that it would be helpful.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STUDY, CONTACT:

- Enter the name of the primary researcher or the student researcher and their telephone number and/or email address.
- Faculty sponsor name(s) and contact information can be added if the student researcher and the faculty sponsor(s) believe that it would be helpful.

AGREEMENT

- The study participant (child/minor) prints their name, signs, and dates the assent form if they agree to participate in the study.
- The printed name, signature, and date of the person obtaining consent from the child is provided.
- The person obtaining consent will provide the child with a copy of the completed and signed form.

Note: Template areas presented in the **red** font can be deleted upon the completion of the form.