

Parent Information Form

Study Title: Internet-based classroom motivation and performance research Dave Paunesku,
Protocol Director

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is invited to participate in a research study that explores how different educational activities and views about school and one's own abilities affect motivation and academic outcomes. If you allow your child to participate, he or she will participate in activities during which he or she will practice academic skills like reading and mathematics and answer questions about him or herself.

We are interested in how students' beliefs about school affect their achievement, and how they may benefit from particular kinds of activities, or activities that are paired together in particular orders. Therefore, we will ask your child's school to share your child's records (course grades, standardized test results, attendance, and disciplinary records) with us so that we can determine how students' beliefs about school are related to their motivation, achievement, and behavior and whether or not the study activities affected any of these outcomes.

We cannot guarantee that your child will receive any benefits from this study, but there are also no risks associated with participation. Your decision about whether or not to allow your child to participate in this study will not be counted against you or your child in any way. However, participation may improve your child's motivation or academic performance. Additionally, the knowledge gained from this study may help teachers, coaches, and parents increase students' motivation and achievement. So we hope you will be eager to allow your child to participate.

Your child's participation in this study will consist of 1-10 sessions lasting 20-50 minutes each, and, in some cases, your child may be offered extra credit for participating.

If you do not allow your child to participate in this project, you should inform their teacher and the protocol director. Please understand your child's participation is voluntary and your child has the right to withdraw his/her consent or discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which he/she is otherwise entitled. Your child has the right to refuse to answer particular questions.

Your child's individual privacy will be maintained in all published data resulting from the study. All confidential data we receive will be digital will be kept in electronic spreadsheets stored in encrypted folders on study staff password-protected computers or in password-protected



databases. When we receive confidential data it will be immediately stripped of identifiable information. For example, names are replaced with a unique identification number. Identifiable data will not be shared with anyone outside the trained research team. All confidential data will be deleted when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study was conducted.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research study, its procedures, risks and benefits, please contact the Protocol Director, Dave Paunesku, by calling 877-445-6993 or emailing at paunesku@stanford.edu.

If you are not satisfied with how this study is being conducted, or if you have any concerns, complaints, or general questions about the research or your rights as a participant, please contact the Stanford Institutional Review Board (IRB) to speak to someone independent of the research team at (650) -723-2480 or toll free at 1-866-680-2906. You can also write to the Stanford IRB, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-5401.

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