

Child Assent Form

Study Title: The Impact of the iPad2 on Education in the North Fond du Lac School District

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Our names are Professors Jenna Linskens and Malia Hoffmann. We are from Marian University. We are inviting you to take part in a research study. Your parent(s) know we are talking with you about the study, but it is up to you to decide if you want to be in the study. This form will tell you about the study to help you decide whether or not you want to take part in it.

What is this study about?

In this study, we want to learn if iPads can help you learn better and if you pay attention more in class. We also want to know if the iPad helps your teachers plan lessons.

What am I being asked to do?

If you decide to be in the study, we will ask you to answer some questions about your learning using the computer and a program called Google Forms. It should only take 10-15 minutes of your time to answer the questions.

What are the benefits to me for taking part in the study?

There are not any benefits to you for being in this study, but the information we get from the study will help others decide if iPads help students learn better.

Can anything bad happen if I am in this study?

If you are in this study it will take some of your time from your regular classroom day. Your teachers will allow you to answer the questions during the school day and it will only take 10-15 minutes. If you need more time to answer the questions, you can just let your teacher know by telling them.

If you are in this study you might feel uncomfortable. If there are any questions you do not want to answer you can skip them or stop answering the questions by closing the browser on the computer.

No one will find out how you answer the survey questions because you have been given a special code that only you and the Researchers and your teacher knows. No one will share what your code is. If someone would find out what your special code is the researchers will assign you a new special code.

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Who will know that I am in the study?

We won't tell anybody that you are in this study and everything you tell us and do will be private and confidential. Your parent will know that you took part in the study, but we won't tell them anything you said or did, either. When we tell other people or write articles about what we learned in the study, we won't include your name or that of anyone else who took part in the study.

Do I have to be in the study?

No, you don't. The choice is up to you. No one will get angry or upset if you don't want to do this. And you can change your mind anytime if you decide you don't want to be in the study anymore. If you decide to not be in the study, you will still take part in the classroom activities, and take your regular classroom tests and quizzes, but you do not have to answer the questions about iPads on the computer. If you decide you don't want to be in the study you can tell your teacher.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions at any time, you can ask us and you can talk to your parent about the study. We will give you a copy of this form to keep. If you want to ask us questions about the study you can email

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The Marian University Institutional Review Board has reviewed this study to make sure that the rights and safety of people who take part in the study are protected. If you have questions about your rights in the study, or you are unhappy about something that happens to you in the study, you can contact them at (920) 923-8796 or orsp@marianuniversity.edu.

Do you have any questions about the study now?



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IF YOU WANT TO BE IN THE STUDY, SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE LINE BELOW:

Sign your name

Date

Print your name

Statement of Person Obtaining Assent

I have carefully explained to the child taking part in the study what he or she can expect.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the child understands the purpose, procedures, potential risks and benefits of the study and his or her rights as a participant.

I also certify that he or she:

- Speaks the language used to explain the research
- Reads well enough to understand this form or, if not, this child is able to hear and understand when the form is read to him or her
- Does not have any problems that could make it hard to understand what it means to take part in this research.

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent

December 1, 2011

Date

Jenna Linskens and Malia Hoffmann

Co-Researchers

Printed Name of Person(s) Obtaining Consent

Role in the Research Study