

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.

Why is this study being done?

The purpose of the study is to help us learn about the impact the iPad2 has on your learning and involvement in the classroom. It will also evaluate the impact the iPad2 has on teachers and how they plan and teach lessons in the classroom.

You are being asked to take part because students in the graduating class of 2014 were ranked by their overall GPA (academic rank) and divided into four groups. From those groups, 3 students from each group were randomly selected and are being asked if they would like to participate in the study. We are looking for 12 sophomore students to participate in this study. If you do not want to participate that is okay. Another student from the pool can be chosen.

What am I being asked to do?

If you decide to be in the study, we will ask you to take a short pre and post study survey using Google Forms. You will be asked to keep a daily journal where you share what applications and how you used the iPad during your school day and at home to help with your learning.

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

There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this study. However, by participating in the study, the information you provide will help the principals, teachers and school board members of the North Fond du Lac School District decide if the iPad helps student learning. The information we get from this study may also help other teachers in Wisconsin to decide if they should use iPads in their classrooms and with their students.

Are there any risks to me if I am in this study?

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The potential risks from taking part in this study include the loss of time or inconvenience. To minimize this risk, the surveys should take no more than 10-15 minutes of your time and will be completed during the school day.

The journal prompts will be provided and should take no more than 5-10 minutes of your time each day.

Another potential risk is emotional discomfort or distress. To minimize this risk you can skip any questions or discontinue the survey at any time. To minimize the risk of discomfort for the daily journal you can keep out any information that you do not feel comfortable sharing. You can answer only the prompts you feel comfortable answering.

Lastly, the breach of confidentiality is another possible risk. To minimize this risk all surveys will be done on Survey Monkey using a special code that only you and the Researchers know. The master list with your name and code will be kept in a locked cabinet at the Marian University Appleton campus. To minimize this risk to the high school students that are writing the journal entries, each student will be given a Dropbox folder that only the researchers and the individual student will be able to access using a secured login.

Will my information be kept private?

The survey data for this study will be kept secret and only the researchers and you will know the answers you gave.

The journal data for this study will be kept private and confidential to the extent allowed by federal and state law. Under rare circumstances your data you may be reviewed by MU officials or people from the North Fond du Lac School District. Your journals will be coded and the master list will be kept separate from all identifiers and in a locked cabinet. Any conversations between you and the researchers will be kept private.

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.

The data for this study will be kept for three years or until June 1, 2015. All data will be kept in a locked cabinet or on a secured computer.

Are there any costs or payments for being in this study?

There will be no costs to you for taking part in this study.

You will not receive money or any other form of compensation for taking part in this study.

What are my rights as a research study volunteer?

Your participation in this research study is completely voluntary. You do not have to be a part of this study if you don't want to. There will be no penalty to you if you choose not to take part and

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no one will be upset or angry at you. You may choose not to answer any questions or respond to journal prompts you don't want to answer, and you can change your mind and not be in the study at any time. If you decide to not be in the study, you will still take part in the regular classroom activities, including regular classroom tests and quizzes, but you do not have to take the surveys about the iPads or complete the daily journal prompts.

Who can I talk to if I have questions?

If you have questions at any time, you can ask the researchers 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 orosp@marianuniversity.edu.

What does my signature on this consent form mean?

Your signature on this form means that:

- You understand the information given to you in this form
- You have been able to ask the researcher questions and state any concerns
- The researcher has answered your questions and concerns
- You believe you understand the research study and the potential benefits and risks that are involved.



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Statement of Consent

I give my voluntary consent to take part in this study. I will be given a copy of this consent document for my records.

Signature of Participant

Date

Printed Name of Participant

Statement of Person Obtaining Informed Consent

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

I certify that when this person signs this form, to the best of my knowledge, he or she understands the purpose, procedures, potential benefits, and potential risks of participation.

I also certify that he or she:

- Speaks the language used to explain this research
- Reads well enough to understand this form or, if not, this person 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

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Printed Name of Person(s) Obtaining Consent

Co-Researchers
Role in the Research Study