

Boston Summer Learning Community Research Study: Student Permission

Dear Student,

We are inviting you to be in a research study. We want to learn what students think about the summer program. We want to know how to make programs like this summer program more exciting and interesting.

What Are You Asking Me to Do?

We are asking you to:

- Take two short surveys during the program so that we can learn more about you, your interests, and beliefs. These surveys should take about 20 minutes.
- Answer quick questions on a cell phone given to you during the program, on two days every week. This cell phone will signal you at four times during each of the days and ask you a question like: “How much are you enjoying what you are doing right now?”

On the days that you are carrying the cell phone, members of our team will be watching and videotaping program activities. The camera will be focused on your teachers, and we are not trying to film you—although it is possible you may end up in the film if you are near a teacher who is being filmed. The only people who will see the film are members of our team.

Why Should I do This? By taking part in this study, you will help us learn how to improve summer programs around the United States. There are no risks to being in this study beyond those that are part of everyday life.

Your Privacy. Anything you tell us will be private. No one from the summer program, your school, or the general public will know what you told us.

You do not have to participate in this study if you do not want to. You may drop out any time and still stay in the program. If you decide not to participate in the study, it will not hurt your relationship with program staff.

Please check if you agree:

- Yes, I **agree** to participate in this research study. I have received a copy of this permission form.

Student, please PRINT your name here.

Student Signature _____ Today's Date _____