

## Staff Consent Form Adapted Measure of Math Engagement

Child Trends, Search Institute, and McREL International are partnering to conduct a research study to better understand Black and Latina/o middle school students' engagement in math. As part of this research study, you are invited to participate in an interview or electronic feedback session to share your experiences. We ask that you read this form and ask questions before agreeing to participate.

### **Why am I being asked to participate?**

You're invited to participate in this interview because you work in a middle school participating in this study. As part of an interview or electronic feedback session, you will be asked to share students' experiences about engaging in math. The interview or electronic feedback session will take approximately 60 minutes and will be led by a researcher from Child Trends or Search Institute. The interview will be conducted in-person. The electronic feedback session will be conducted via email. **You will receive a \$50 gift card as a thank you for your participation.**

Child Trends is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center based in Bethesda, Maryland and with an office in Minneapolis, Minnesota that conducts research on children, children's families, child well-being, and factors affecting children's lives. Search Institute is a nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis, Minnesota that does education and youth development research and creates resources and tools for youth, schools, families, and communities.

### **Do I have to participate?**

No. Participation is completely voluntary. You do not have to participate. You can also leave the interview or electronic feedback session at any time without reason. Choosing not to participate will in no way impact you, your employment, or your experiences in your middle school. You can also skip questions you don't want to answer. Prior to the start of the interview, we will also ask if you want to participate.

If at any point, you no longer wish to participate in the study, please email or call Samantha Holquist. Her address, email, and phone number are below.

### **What are the risks and benefits of participation?**

You will not benefit personally from participating in this interview or electronic feedback session. Study findings will be used to understand and develop practices and tools to better support students' engagement in math. You may feel uncomfortable answering certain questions, but you may refuse to answer any questions you are not comfortable answering or end your participation in the interview or electronic feedback session at any time.

### **How will you protect my confidentiality?**

Interviews and electronic feedback sessions will be private between the participants and the researchers. We will not collect or record your name. In reporting the data, you may be given a pseudonym as will your

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Learn more about the Adapted Measure of Math Engagement at <https://www.childtrends.org/project/adapted-measure-of-math-engagement>.

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school. A pseudonym is a made-up name that we will use to protect your identity and your school's identity. The interview will be audio recorded, but you will not be identified by name on the recording. **We will never share individual information, and we will never link that information to your name.** This information will be kept confidential with the research team.

**How will my identifiable private information be protected?**

Your information collected as part of this research, even if identifiers are removed, will not be used or made available for future research studies.

**Who should I contact if I have questions?**

If you have questions, please contact Samantha Holquist, a researcher at Child Trends. Her address, email, and phone number are below.

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Child Trends  
Call: (239) 770-4715  
Email: [sholquist@childtrends.org](mailto:sholquist@childtrends.org)

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or concerns or complaints about the research, you can also contact the Child Trends Institutional Review Board by phone (855-288-3506), by email ([irbparticipant@childtrends.org](mailto:irbparticipant@childtrends.org)), or by mail (7315 Wisconsin Ave Suite 1200W, Bethesda, MD 20814).

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**STAFF CONSENT FOR RESEARCH**

Please indicate your willingness to participate in study activities, as described above, by placing your initials next to each activity.

I agree      I disagree

		I am willing to participate in the interview activities described above.
		I am willing to participate in the electronic feedback session described above.
		The researcher may record the audio from the interview to aid with data analysis.

**SIGNATURE:**

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Printed name of staff

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Signature of staff

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Date

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Printed email address

**FOR PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER TO FILL OUT:**

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Signature of person obtaining consent

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Date