[INSTRUCTIONS: Use this template to assist with writing the assent form for 7-11 year olds. Delete any instructional text highlighted in gray. Revise or remove any language that is not applicable to your project.]

**Assent to Participate in a Research Study (7-11 year olds)**

We want to tell you about a research study we are doing and see if you want to take part in it. Research is a way to learn more about something. This is the way we find out information that can help us.

* The name of this study is:
* The researchers are:

It is okay to ask questions about what we are telling you. You can circle or highlight things on this paper you want to know more about. If you don’t understand something, just ask us. We want you to ask questions now and anytime you think of them.

We are working to [find out/learn more about—i.e. provide a simplified explanation of the how or why you are doing the research].

You are being asked to be in this research study because [insert simple/layperson name of reasons for inclusion].

For you to be in this study both you and your parent (or guardian) must agree to you being in it. It is the adult’s job to make sure this study is okay for you. But it is still up to you if you *want* to do it.

Parents and children say "no" for different reasons. Whatever the reason, it is your decision. You will not be treated any differently if you say "no."

If you decide to be in this research and your parent or guardian says yes, this is what will happen:

* We will ask you to
* We will have you do
* We will look at your \_\_\_\_\_ [school records]
* This research will take [insert how long total]
* This will take \_\_\_\_ visits that each last about\_\_\_\_

Some of the ways you could be helped are (if applicable):

* You could \_\_\_\_\_\_[learn something]
* Some kids feel \_\_\_\_\_[less anxious]
* Feel good about helping other kids

We do not know for sure if you will be helped by being in this study but we could learn something that will help other children with [insert name of subject matter of study]someday.

There is a chance that during the research you could feel [uncomfortable, afraid, tired]. We will help you with these feelings or discomforts. And you can stop at any time if you want to. Some things you might feel are:

* You could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_[get tired]
* Some kids feel\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Sometimes the questions we ask can make you feel [embarrassed/sad/uncomfortable]
* The \_\_\_\_\_ may hurt
* The research\_\_\_\_[name activity] could make you feel \_\_\_\_\_[tired/uncomfortable]

[Include the following language if the project holds a Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH):]

This research holds a Certificate of Confidentiality. This means no one can make us give your information to anyone else, even in a court or with police, unless we have your permission. But, there are some things that we must tell others about, like abuse.

[Any project that may reveal actual or suspected child abuse should include language notifying the child participant that the researchers may need to report the abuse. The University of Michigan Minors in Research (MiR) policy requires all study team members (including university employees, students, and volunteers) who interact with minors participating as subjects in university-sponsored research to adhere to the policy, including reporting actual or suspected child abuse or neglect of any adult responsible for the child’s health and welfare. Additional information may be found [here](https://childrenoncampus.umich.edu/researchers/). In addition, Michigan law requires the reporting of actual or suspected child abuse or neglect by certain persons (called mandated reporters). Mandated reporters include physicians, nurses, therapists, and other medical professionals. A complete list may be found [here](http://michigan.gov/dhs/0%2C4562%2C7-124-7119_50648_44443-157836--%2C00.html). A study team may consist entirely of mandated reporters, a combination of mandated and non-mandated reporters, or entirely of non-mandated reporters. The following sentence should be inserted if actual or suspected child abuse may be revealed during this study:]

If you tell us or we learn something that makes us believe that you or others have been or may be abused or neglected, we may, and in some cases must, report that information to the appropriate agencies.

You don’t have to answer all of the questions. Just tell me if you don’t want to answer. You don’t have to be in this study if you don’t want to. Nobody will be mad at you if you don’t want to be in the research study. You can say okay now and you can change your mind later. Just tell the researcher or your parent (or guardian) if you want to stop at any time.

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| I have read this form or someone has read it to me. If I did not understand something, I asked the researcher to explain it to me. I can always ask the researcher a question about the study if I don’t understand something. I will be given a copy of this form. |
| Please check one box: |
| **□** | **YES,** I want to be in this study and I know I can change my mind later. |
| **□** | **NO**, I do not want to be in this study. |
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| *Child’s Name (print legal name):* |  |
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| *Child’s Signature:* |  |
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| *Date of signature:* |  | Age # |  |
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The following should be completed by the study member conducting the assent process if the child agrees to be in the study. Check all that apply.

* The child is capable of reading and understanding the assent form and has signed above as documentation of assent to take part in this study.
* The child is not capable of reading the assent form, but the information was verbally explained to him/her. The child signed above as documentation of assent to take part in this study.
* The child had ample opportunity to have his or her questions answered.

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| *Printed name of person obtaining agreement:* |  |
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| *Signature of person obtaining agreement:* |  |
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| *Date of signature:* |  |
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