*Child or Adolescent Assent Form Template*

**A minor has the right to participate or cease participation at any point during a research study. This is called assent. In most situations, research involving minors necessitates parental permission. It is important that you 1) write the assent form using second person pronouns (i.e. “You”) and 2) tailor it to the child’s or adolescent’s reading comprehension level.**

It should summarize the nature of the research and what the child or adolescent will be asked to do. It is crucial to indicate that even if a parent has given permission for a child to participat**e, it is still up to the child/adolescent and they can discontinue participation at any point**.

 **Delete all instructional language (in blue) prior to submitting to the IRB for approval.**

***California State University, Dominguez Hills***

***Assent to Participate in Research***

**(Insert Title)**

Investigators: **Tell who you are and why you are conducting the study**. (For instance, “I am a student in college, and I am working on a project that will help me get my diploma.”)

Purpose and Description of the Study: **Describe what the study is about and what you want from the child**. (For example, “We are asking you and the other members of your class to take part in a project that will help us learn more about the way people decide things. We will show you several colored blocks and then ask you some questions about them**.”) Make sure you explain the study in language that is developmentally appropriate. Do not simply copy and paste your proposal.**

Risks or Discomforts: **Identify any discomforts in terms that will be meaningful to the child or adolescent**. (For example, “We think you will enjoy participating in this project, but some people feel self-conscious when they are being watched. You can always stop for a few minutes or quit if you feel too uncomfortable.”)

Confidentiality: As appropriate, indicate what will be recorded that might have the child’s name or responses on it and who will see that information.

Voluntary Nature of Participation: **Indicate that a parent or guardian has given permission for the child to participate (if applicable), but that it is still up to the child.** (For example, “Your (parent/guardian) has said it is O.K., if you are part of the project, but you do not have to participate unless you want to. It is up to you. No one will be upset with you or give you a bad grade if you do not want to participate. And you can always change your mind and stop participating at any time.)

Questions about the Study: If appropriate, indicate that the child should ask any questions that come to mind and can consult with their parent(s) before making a decision if that is more comfortable.

Please mark one of the choices below to tell us what you want to do:

 No, I do not want to be in this project

 Yes, I do want to be in this project

Write your name here Date

Researcher’s Signature Date