

## INDIANA UNIVERSITY INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT FOR RESEARCH

iEngage Summer Institute: Civic Learning Study

**IRB #16856**

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**You are being asked for your child to participate in a research study.** Scientists do research to answer important questions that might help change or improve the way we do things in the future. This consent form will give you information about the study to help you decide whether you want to participate. Please read this form, and ask any questions you have, before agreeing to be in the study.

**All research is voluntary.** You can choose for your child not to take part in this study. If you decide they will participate, you can change your mind later and remove them from the study at any time. Your child will not be penalized or lose any benefits if you or your child decide not to participate or choose to leave the study later.

**The purpose of this study** is to learn how youth understand citizenship concepts through the use of online civic games and co-designing civic improvement projects. This study will be conducted during the iEngage Summer Civics Institute in which your child is already participating. **Your child does not have to be in this research to participate in iEngage camp.**

We are asking you if you want to be in this study because your child is enrolled (or currently being enrolled) as a camper at the iEngage camp. The study is being conducted by Stephanie Serriere at Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC). It is funded by a local funder, to be announced later.

**If you agree for your child to be in the study, you will do the following things** If you agree to let your child be in this study, we will ask your child to:

- Take a pre-test and post-test that will measure your child's civic knowledge and dispositions. Pre-tests and post-tests will take approximately 20 minutes each.
- Participate in brief interviews (no more than 10 minutes) during the camp and a group interview during the end of the camp, lasting no more than 45 minutes.

Researchers will conduct observations to explore youths' interactions with the program and record their dialogue with teachers and fellow students. Researchers will also use the student work (artifacts) generated during the study for analysis purposes. Artifacts may include action civic projects, posters, and websites. All youth will participate in the iEngage Summer Civics Institute but the researcher will only have access to the student data from students whose parents/guardians authorize permission by signing this form. Your child will also give permission for themselves to be part of the study.

**Before agreeing to participate, please consider the risks and potential benefits of taking part in this study.** Your child can skip any interview or survey questions they do not want to answer.

There is a risk someone outside the study team could get access to your research information from this study. Information about how we will reduce this possibility is below.

We don't think you or your child will have any personal benefits from taking part in this study, but we hope to learn things that will help teacher educators and teachers better understand how to promote engaged citizenship in youth.

**Neither you nor your child will be paid for participating in this study. There is no cost to participate in the study.**

**We will protect your child's information** and make every effort to keep yours and their personal information confidential, but we cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality. No information which could identify your child will be shared in publications about this study. We will seek to reduce this possibility by keeping all study information (including audio files and transcriptions) in password protected folders or locked spaces that only members of the research team can access.

Your child's personal information may be shared outside the research study *if* required by law. We also may need to share your research records with other groups for quality assurance or data analysis. These groups include the Indiana University Institutional Review Board or its designees, and state or federal agencies who may need to access the research records (as allowed by law). However, this research is not state or federally funded.

Information collected in this study may be used for other research studies or shared with other researchers for future research. If this happens, information that could identify your child, your child's name and other identifiers, will be removed before any information is shared. Since identifying information will be removed, we will not ask for your additional consent.

**If you have questions about the study or encounter a problem with the research**, contact the researcher, Stephanie Serriere, 812.348.7245 or at [scayot@iu.edu](mailto:scayot@iu.edu)

For questions about your rights as a research participant, to discuss problems, complaints, or concerns about a research study, or to obtain information or to offer input, please contact the IU Human Research Protection Program office at 800-696-2949 or at [irb@iu.edu](mailto:irb@iu.edu).

**If you decide your child can participate in this study, you can change your mind and decide to take your child out of the study at any time in the future.** If you decide to withdraw your child from the study, simply email the researcher, call her, or tell her in person at the camp that you would like to withdraw your child from the study and there will be no risks for withdrawing.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT**

In consideration of all of the above, I agree that my child can participate in this research study. I will be given a copy of this informed consent document to keep for my records.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN'S Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN'S Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name of Researcher Obtaining Consent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Researcher Obtaining Consent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_