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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

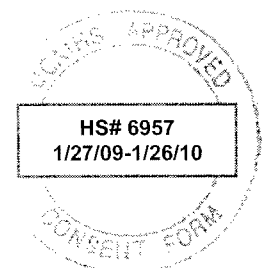
Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Fantasy and Mood. The study is designed to examine how fantasies can affect mood. It is being conducted by Samuel Portnow who is the principal investigator, as part of his senior Honors Thesis. The faculty sponsor of this work is Professor Gabriele Oettingen, Department of Psychology.

If your child agrees to be in this study, he/she will be asked to complete several questionnaires now, and some more questionnaires 8 weeks from now. In addition to the questionnaires, we will also look at your child's midterm grades in Introduction to Psychology. We will be looking at his/her midterm grades because we are also interested in the interrelation between fantasy, grades, and mood. Your child will create a code name when completing your questionnaires. These codes will then be matched to your child's name by the professor of Introduction to Psychology. Thus, when we look at your child's grades, we will merely be looking at codes, the only person who will see your child's name along with his/her grade will be his/her professor. Therefore, we will never be able to associate your child's name with his/her grades. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

There are no known risks associated with your child's participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better know how fantasies effect mood.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, he/she will still receive 1 credit for each hour that he/she shows up to participate in the study.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by labeling all written materials only with anonymous code numbers. The data from the study will be kept until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association, and then destroyed by shredding.



If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Heather Barry at 781.367.6012, sjp320@nyu.edu, Meyer Building #755B, 6 Washington Place New York NY 10003, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Gabriele Oettingen, at 212.998.7915, Gabriele.oettingen@nyu.edu, Meyer Building #781, 6 Washington Place New York NY 10003. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804.

You have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission

Parent's Signature

Date

