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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 Grad School and You. The study is designed to learn more about how your child thinks about grad school, how that relates to some of his/her cognitive skills, especially how he/she categorizes words and solves problems, and also how that relates to his/her feelings about grad school. It is being conducted by Dr. Gabriele Oettingen, Faculty, Department of Psychology, who is the principal investigator.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to write about his/her thoughts about the grad school he/she would like to go, to work on a categorization task as an indicator of his/her verbal skills, to answer some questionnaire-type questions, and to do some problem-solving tasks. His/her participation will take about 1 hour, and he/she will receive one hour's credit. When your child completed the study, a thorough 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 understand how thoughts about grad school relate to cognitive skills.

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, no credit but also no penalty will be given. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by using only random codes on your child's data not associated with his/her name. 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, you may contact Andreas Kappes at 212-998-7709, ak1967@nyu.edu, Meyer Rm. 778 or Gabriele Oettingen at (212) 998-7815, Gabriele.Oettingen@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, #781, New York, NY 10003. For questions about your child's 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, New York, NY 10012.

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

Permission

Parent's _____
Signature

Date

