**EXAMPLE Child Assent to Participate in Research (Reading level at 7th-8th grade)**

**UL Lafayette IRB approval number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

You are being invited to participate in a research study about what children think about research. You were selected because you attend a middle school or a high school in the state of Louisiana. Your name was chosen at random from the list of students in this school. And your parents have agreed that you may be part of the study if you would like to do so.

You will be asked to answer the same survey twice: today and one month from today. It will take you about 30 minutes each time if you fill out the form yourself or about 45 minutes if you are asked the questions by the research assistant.

The only anticipated risks to you for taking part in this study are boredom from answering the questions and loss of time.

There is no particular benefit to you if you participate, but the researchers may learn what the Louisiana students think about research. This project may improve how research is done in Louisiana in the future.

The results from the study will be written for journals by the researchers but your name will never appear in the reports. The numbers on the forms are to keep them together. When you do the forms the second time, the front page will be given to you to keep or to throw away as you like. After all the information from the forms are in the computer the forms will be shredded. Your name will not be recorded in the dataset.

You are not required to be part of this study even though your parents have consented. You may say no at the start or at any time after you begin, even if you have finished the forms. You will be asked to fill out the forms again in one month, but you may refuse at that time. We ask you to consider filling out the forms because it will help researchers in the future to understand what helps young people to participate in research. If you choose not to be part of the study nothing will happen to you at your school, or at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and no one will say anything to you for not being in the study.

If you or your parents wish to have more information about the research, you may call Dr. Alpha at 337-482-1234 / Dr.alpha@louisiana.edu or Ms. Beta at 337-482-3456 / Ms.beta@louisiana.edu at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Chair of UL Lafayette Institutional Review Board (IRB) at [irb@louisiana.edu](mailto:irb@louisiana.edu) or 337-482-5811. The primary purpose of the UL Lafayette IRB is to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research activities being conducted at UL Lafayette.

Child’s ASSENT to Participate:

I Agree to be a part of the research study.

Signed Date: