



## Parental /Guardian Permission Form

**Please give a copy of this signed form to your child so they can take it to each study appointment. Please return a copy of this signed form to the Grand Valley State University Psychology Office:**

By **MAIL** to Psychology Department Laboratory Assistant at 2224 AuSable Hall, Allendale MI 49401-9403

By **FAX** to (616) 331-2480 or scan the form and **EMAIL** it to [psychlab@gvsu.edu](mailto:psychlab@gvsu.edu)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of the educational experience here at Grand Valley State University, we invite all enrolled students to participate in Psychology studies during the course of the semester. If your child is **under the age of 18** years of age at the time you receive this letter, your permission is required before she/he can participate in these studies.

Students can see a list of available studies in the Psychology Department by creating an account on our Study Web site at <https://gvsu.sona-systems.com>. From this website, students can choose from a variety of studies and sign up for available times. When they participate in studies, students earn enrichment activity credits in the Psychology 101 class.

Participation is completely voluntary, and there is no penalty if a student does not want to participate in a study. Furthermore, if a student agrees to participate, he or she may discontinue participation at any time without penalty. All studies have been reviewed by the IRB, an entity of GVSU's Office of Research Compliance and Integrity, who ensures the basic rights and welfare of research participants. Grand Valley State University also requires that the students' responses in all of these studies remains confidential. Participation in these studies does not influence any decision regarding future admissions to Grand Valley State University.

With your approval, your child may decide to participate in the following kinds of studies:

- Surveys, interviews, and studies that use questionnaires or other verbal or behavioral measures.
- Studies that use direct sensors (e.g., a blood pressure device) or remote sensors (e.g., a video camera) to measure physiological and psychological reactions.
- Studies with minor deception in which participants are not told everything about the study until it is over.
- Studies in which information about the hypothesis and the experimental situation is revealed to the student after participation is completed. In this way, we seek to

enhance students' learning experience by providing detailed information about Psychology as a social science.

Your child **will NOT** be able to decide to participate in the following kinds of studies:

- Procedures that entail a risk of physical harm, involve hypnosis or unusual degrees of mental stress.
- Procedures that elicit information about activities that may be illegal or that are likely to be perceived by them as offensive/age-inappropriate/immoral.

Please enter your name and your child's name below to give them permission to participate in Psychology Department studies when the age requirement includes individuals under 18 years of age. Your child may **not** participate in studies when the age requirement is 18 or older. In signing this document, you are allowing your child to decide whether or not they would like to participate in psychological research for which they are eligible. This form will expire upon your child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday at which time your child will be asked if they wish to continue in any on-going study(ies) in which they are currently participating.

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(Print) Your Child's Name

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Today's Date

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(Print your name) Parent or Legal Guardian

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(Sign your name) Parent or Legal Guardian

**Questions or problems?** Contact the Psychology Department Laboratory Assistant, Ember Tokarski at (616) 331-3262 or send email to [Psychlab@gvsu.edu](mailto:Psychlab@gvsu.edu).

Contact information for participant's rights in research: For questions, concerns, suggestions, or complaints that are not being addressed by the researcher, or research-related harm, contact the Office of Research Compliance and Integrity at Grand Valley State University 049 James H. Zumberge Hall, 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401-9403. Phone (616) 331-3197 Email [rci@gvsu.edu](mailto:rci@gvsu.edu)