

Sample Minor Assents

5 – 7 years old (K – 2)
(Tell them what will happen)

Today, we will count beans and put them in special boxes. I want to see if using the boxes helps you learn to count.

8, 9, 10 years old (3rd, 4th, 5th grade)
(Tell them what will happen, ask them to sign if they agree)

I am writing a paper about teaching math as a project for my school.

Some of the class will play math games, and some of the class will do math exercises on paper. I want to compare the test results of the two groups.

If you are in the paper group, you will get a chance to learn and play the math games later, after the tests.

You do not have to let me use your test results in my paper. It is OK if you say no. Whether or not you participate will not affect your math grade in any way.

If you do not want to participate, just do not sign this form.

Thank you,

_____ (teacher's name)

Teacher's signature _____ Date _____

Student's name _____ Date _____

Student's signature _____ Date _____

If you have both 7 and 8 year olds in your class, use the 7 year-old assent process, i.e. verbally telling the students what will happen.

This also applies if you have both 10 and 11 year-olds in one class; use the simpler process.

11, 12, 13 year olds (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
(Give them more information; ask them to sign if they agree)

I am _____ and I am a graduate student at San Francisco State University. I am studying whether playing certain kinds of games changes students' attitudes toward math.

Half of your class will play blackjack, and the other half will play dominoes. We will play the games for 6 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, during math. You will get the chance to change games at the end of the 6 weeks.

I want to use the class's test scores in my research paper to compare how the two groups did on a test, which I will give you all before and after the game-playing period.

Your participation is voluntary. I will not be using anyone's name or talking about individual scores, and I will keep all the Information I collect in a locked file cabinet so no one else will get to see the material.

If you do not want me to use your test score in my research paper, just do not sign this agreement. Your participation will not affect your math grade in any way.

If you have any questions, you may email me at _____@sfsu.edu.

If you agree to let me use your test scores in my research, please sign below.

Student's Name (print) _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Researcher _____ Date _____

14 – 17 year olds (high school students)
(Should be able to understand the standard form;
use language which fits the students' ages and
reading ability)