

San Francisco State University
Assent to Participate in Research

Purpose of Research

My name is _____. I am a graduate student/professor at San Francisco State University and I am conducting a research study about teenagers' perceptions of the California High School Exit exam. I am inviting you to participate in the research because you are a high school student in California.

Research Procedures

If you agree to participate, I will interview you at a time and location convenient for you. The interview will take about 30 minutes, and I will audiotape the interview to make sure I understand what you have said. If I need to clarify your statements, I will contact you after the interview by (email/phone/letter).

Risks

The only risk to you is a possible loss of privacy. To protect your privacy, I will keep the audiotapes and transcripts of the interviews in a locked cabinet in a secure location to ensure the confidentiality of the data. I will not use your name or any other identifying information in the research reports. At the end of the study, I will destroy the audiotapes, and will remove all identifying information from transcripts of the tapes.

Benefits

There is no direct benefit to you for taking part in the research. However, we hope that what we find may inform educators and administrators about students' perceptions of the exit exam.

Costs and Compensation

There will be no costs to you other than your time and any personal transportation costs. You will not be paid for participation.

You have been given a copy of this consent to keep. If you have any questions about the research you may contact the researcher at _____@sfsu.edu, or you may contact my advisor, Professor _____, at _____@sfsu.edu., or the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects at protocol@sfsu.edu or 415-338-1093.

Please note that participation in research is voluntary. You may answer only those questions you want to answer, and you may stop participating at any point in the process with no penalty.

Participant's Name _____

Participants Signature _____ Date _____

Researcher's Signature _____ Date _____