

Minor Assent Form

Integrating STEM and Digital Literacies with Adolescents (Project STEM+L)

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You are being invited to be in a research project done by professors at the University of Miami. If you want to be part of the study, we will send home a permission form for your parent or guardian. Your parent or guardian needs to sign the permission form to let us know if you will or will not be in the study. Then, you need to return the signed form to Dr. Shen in the first session of the program.

What we are asking you to do:

We are trying to learn more about how students develop knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and science. We are inviting you to be in this project to learn how team members work with each other to make a multimedia science fiction project.

If you are part of this study, we will videotape your chats with other students related to the project during the project sessions.

We will also ask you questions through online surveys about your experiences in the project activities. We will also ask you to talk about what you liked or didn't like about the group activities through interviews. Each interview will last about 20 minutes during the project. The worksheets and artifacts that you use and produce during the project will also be collected.

We do not think anything bad will happen for being in the study. Not everyone who takes part in this study will benefit. A benefit means that something good happens to you. We think these benefits might be *(a) improved knowledge and skills in science, technology, math, and language; (b) the opportunity to develop creativity; (c) the ability to develop leadership skills; (d) the opportunity to work with others.*

Your taking part is voluntary

Your participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to take part, you do not need to answer any questions that you do not wish to answer. You may stop being in the project at any time. If you decide to stop after we begin, that's okay too. No one will be mad at you if you decide not to do this study. You may ask questions about the study at any time.

Confidentiality

All the personal information that we collect will be kept confidential. We may write papers or present at conferences about what we found out. We will do that in a way that other people will not find out who you are.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the project, you should feel free to call us. Dr. Ji Shen's phone number is 305-284-4970 and email address is j.shen@miami.edu . You may contact us to ask questions about this study any time. If you have questions about being a research participant, contact the University of Miami Human Subjects Research Office at 305-243-3195.

Do you have any questions?

If you decide you want to be in this study, please sign your name.

I agree to participate in this study.

(Name, Print)

(Sign your name here)

(Date)

Name of Person Obtaining Assent

(Signature of Person Obtaining Assent)

(Date)