

CONSENT FORM
Flat Classroom Project Observation Study

You are invited to participate in a research study of global collaborative projects. You were selected as a possible participant due to your involvement in a class participating in the Flat Classroom Project 2007. Please read this form and ask any questions you may have before acting on this invitation to be in the study.

This study is being conducted by a group of researchers, as specified on the web page – <http://flatclassroomproject.wikispaces.com> and <http://flatclassroomprojecttemplate.wikispaces.com>. Researchers will be credentialed researchers with a validated interest in such projects. Although some observations may be made by researchers in the classroom, most if not all observations and interviews will be conducted electronically using Internet communications tools and teachers will be present during all observations and interviews.

Background Information:

The purpose of this study is to determine the efficacy of global collaborative projects in high school education.

Procedures:

If you agree to be in this study, you may be asked to complete a brief survey, answer questions from a researcher, or be filmed during regular class time while working on the project.

Voluntary Nature of the Study:

Your participation in this study is strictly voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with your school or the institutions represented by any researcher. If you initially decide to participate, you are still free to withdraw at any time later without affecting those relationships.

Risks and Benefits of Being in the Study:

There are no risks associated with participating in this study and there are no short or long-term benefits to participating in this study.

In the event you experience stress or anxiety during your participation in the study you may terminate your participation at any time however it does not preclude you from completing your teacher's assignments. You may refuse to answer any questions you consider invasive or stressful.

Compensation:

There will be no compensation provided for your participation in this study.

Confidentiality:

The records of this study will be kept private. In any report of this study that might be published, the researcher will not include any information that will make it possible to identify you. Research records will be kept in a locked file, and only the researcher will have access to the records.

Contacts and Questions:

The researcher conducting this study is one of the researchers listed on <http://flatclassroomproject.wikispaces.com/Researchers>. In the event that you have any questions about any researcher, you may contact the appropriate advisor listed on the research panel web page or your teacher. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact them via information provided on the website. The Research Participant Advocates will be listed for all institutions participating on the website and you may contact the appropriate person, if you have questions about your participation in this study.

You will receive a copy of this form from the researcher.

Statement of Consent:

I have read the above information. I have asked questions and received answers. I consent to participate in the study.

Printed Name of Participant

Participant Signature

If the participant is a minor, parent signature is required.

Parent (s) Signature

Signature of Classroom

Teacher
