

Student Information Form About Participation in a Research Study

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Study Title: Why Do They Stay: Examining School Climate Perceptions Among Minoritized Students

Overview of the Research

You are being asked to provide consent to participate in a research study. Participation is voluntary. You can say yes or no. If you say yes now you can still change your mind later. Some key points to consider are summarized in this overview, but you should consider all of the information in this document carefully before making your decision.

This research is being done to better understand school climate perceptions among minoritized students.

Participation will involve approximately 20-25 minutes of your time for the survey. Selected students may be asked to follow-up to participate in an interview via secure video conferencing platform to learn more about their experiences.

You will be asked to complete a survey and may participate in a virtual interview via secure video conferencing platform.

A potential risk to your child because of their participation in the research study include breach of confidentiality. Specific protocol will be followed to safeguard confidentiality of data collected. Another possible inconvenience may be the time it takes to complete the study.

By completing the survey may not directly benefit from this research. If selected and you choose to participate in an optional follow-up interview via secure video conferencing platform, you will receive a **\$25 gift card** via email. The information that we collect will help your principals and teachers make decisions to help your school become a better place to learn. Schools will be given a school-based summary of results, not any identifiable information or individual student data.

If, during the course of this research study, a UConn employee suspects that a minor (under the age of 18) has been abused, neglected, or placed at imminent risk of serious harm, it will be reported directly to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or a law enforcement agency.

A more detailed description of this research follows:

Why is this study being done?

We would like to know what you think about your school and yourself. There are no right or wrong answers—this is not a test! We want to know how you feel. Your responses will give us valuable information to help your school be even better.

What are the study procedures? What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to answer some questions in a survey on the computer. Please read each item carefully. Select one answer for each item unless you are requested to select more than one answer for an item. Please try your best to answer all the questions. This survey should take you approximately 20-25 minutes to complete. Selected students may be asked to follow-up to participate in an interview via secure video conferencing platform to learn more about their experiences.

What are the risks and benefits of the study?

A potential risk to your child because of their participation in the research study include breach of confidentiality. Specific protocol will be followed to safeguard confidentiality of data collected. Another possible inconvenience may be the time it takes to complete the study.

You as a participant may not directly benefit from the results of this study; however, the information that we collect will help your principals and teachers make decisions to help your school become a better place to learn. Schools will be given a school-based summary of results, not any identifiable information or individual student data. This may also contribute to the educational research base by further expanding knowledge about school climate, with focus on perceptions of marginalized populations.

Is there compensation for the study?

If selected and you choose to participate in an optional follow-up interview via secure video conferencing platform, you will receive a **\$25 gift card** (via email).

Will anyone see my answers?

Your responses are anonymous, which means that your teachers or family will not see your answers. No one will ever see how you completed your own survey.

Do I have to be part of the study?

You do not have to be in this study if you choose not to. If you change your mind, you may discontinue the survey at any time. If you do not participate, you will not be punished, and your grades will not be impacted. The follow-up interview is completely optional.

You do not have to answer any question that you do not want to answer and may withdraw from taking the survey if you choose.

Who can answer my questions about the study?

If you have any questions about the study, you can ask your teachers or parents. If they are not sure about your question, they can call or e-mail the researcher. We are happy to answer any questions!