

**SAMPLE CHILD ASSENT**  
**For Children Between 7 and 12 Years of Age**

My name is XXX. I am a student in the Department of XXX at Park University. I would like to invite you to take part in my research study. A research study is a special way to find out about something. I am trying to learn more about what makes a good friend.

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to meet with me privately and you will be asked to answer questions about why you like your friends and why they like you. The questions will take about 15 minutes to answer. Some of the questions will be personal and you can stop at any time. We don't know if being in this research study will help you. But you may be helping us to understand children and friendship or what makes a good friend.

If you agree to help us, your teacher and classmates will not know what you have said. If you decide to be in the study or if you decide to say "no" your choice will not affect your grades or whether people like you.

When we are done with the study, we will write a report about what we found. We won't use your name in the report.

Please talk this over with your parents before you decide if you want to be in my study. I will also ask your parents to give their permission for you to be in this study. Even if your parents say yes you can still say no and decide not to be in the study.

If you don't want to be in this study, you don't have to be in it. Remember, being in a study is up to you and no one will be upset if you don't want to be in it. If you decide to stop after we begin that is okay too. Remember that no one else, not even your parents will know what you have told me.

You can ask any question that you have about the study. If you have a question later that you didn't think of now, you can call me or ask your parents, teacher or a friend to call me at 816-584-XXXX. Signing here means that you have read this paper or someone read it to you and that you are willing to be in this study. If you don't want to be in this study, don't sign.

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Printed Name of Participant

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Signature of Participant

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