



City-Wide Measurement Project Consent Form – Please sign and return

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This program is taking part in a city-wide program evaluation project (the “Measurement Project”) for all or part of the May 2016-July 2017 year. This Measurement Project, managed by Boston After School & Beyond, Inc. (“BASB”), seeks to understand the quality of out-of-school and expanded learning time programming in Greater Boston and how programs support student skill development and learning. Several research organizations will help with the Measurement Project: National Institute on Out-of-School Time (“NIOST”), Program in Education, Afterschool, and Resiliency (“PEAR”), the RAND Corporation, and ExpandedED Schools (collectively, “Research Organizations”). **By completing, signing, and returning this Consent Form, you acknowledge and agree to the following:**

1. BASB, Research Organizations, and Boston Public Schools (“BPS”) will have access to the following demographic and academic information about your child (obtained from this Program and/or BPS): student program attendance, school attended, race, gender, grade, age/date of birth, English language learner (ELL) status, home zip code, school-year attendance (days present, days tardy, rate), discipline records (total suspension incidents, days suspended, expulsions), test scores, State Assigned Student Identifier (SASID) and Boston Public Schools ID. These data are confidential and will be used only for evaluation to improve out-of-school time programming.
2. Students in grades 4 - 12 may be asked to fill out a survey called *NIOST Survey on Academic and Youth Outcomes (“SAYO Y”)*. The SAYO Y is a brief survey taken at the end of programming which asks students about their program experiences and future plans. Participation in the survey is voluntary and students may stop at any time without penalty. Individual responses will not be shared with the Program. Should you have any questions about this survey, use of these data, or your child’s participation, contact Dr. Georgia Hall at (781) 283-2530 or ghall@wellesley.edu, or Nancy L. Marshall at nmarshall@wellesley.edu.
3. Students in grades 5 - 12 may be asked to fill out a survey called the Holistic Student Assessment (“HSA”) and/or the Common Instrument survey (“CI”), developed by PEAR. The HSA is a tool that can deepen understanding of students’ social and emotional strengths and needs. Students complete a brief survey about themselves, at least once and as many as two times. The Program will use the HSA results to cultivate the strengths, abilities, and academic success of each student. The CI is a brief survey completed once which assesses student interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. CI results will be used to improve program content and delivery. Participation in the survey(s) is voluntary and students may stop at any time without penalty. BASB, BPS, and Research Organizations will have access to HSA and CI data and results. PEAR reserves the right to use all HSA and CI data for both research and educational purposes. Should you have any questions regarding HSA or CI, contact Jane Aibel at 617-484-0466 extension 204 or jaibel@mclean.harvard.edu.
4. BASB and/or their partners/agents may videotape or take photos of your child’s participation in the program using video and/or digital photography. These images may be taken before, during, or after programming. These images may be used for the purpose of sharing your child’s participation and associated perspectives to a public audience. Images may be published, posted, or played through a variety of communication channels, including but not limited to print, television, and/or online.

**Confidentiality of Data Collected**

Your child’s participation in the Measurement Project data collection helps us to better understand out-of-school time programming in Greater Boston. All data collected that may identify your child will be kept confidential. In public reporting of research findings, only group data and/or de-identified data will be reported. At no time will a public report identify an individual student in any way. The only exception to confidentiality will be in the case of any information disclosed that indicates a child is in any danger.

**Please complete, sign, and return.**

**By signing this form below, I give permission for my child to participate in the Measurement Project, and I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all aspects of the Measurement Project as described in this form. The program will provide services to my child regardless of whether I sign this form.**

**Program in which your child is enrolling:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child’s Full Name (First, Middle, Last):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child’s Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Child’s BPSID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child’s School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE\*\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_