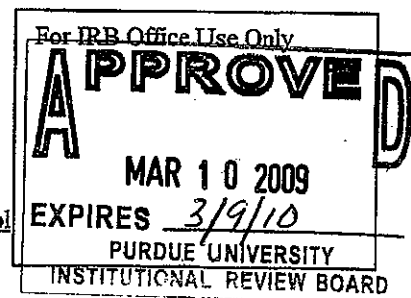


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RESEARCH PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM

An Analysis of an Exemplary Independent Study / Mentorship Program for Gifted, Talented, and Highly Motivated High-School Students

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Purpose of Research

The purpose of this research study is to investigate your perceived effects and influence of the Stoughton High School mentorship / independent study program on your long-term educational and occupational outcomes.

Specific Procedures to be Used

You will be asked to complete a short survey that will ask you questions about your program experience as student at Stoughton High School. Some questions require a numbered response and others are open-ended. You may also be contacted to participate in a short interview based on your experiences. Any such interviews will be recorded for research purposes. All information collected during this project will be confidential and will be used for research purposes only. The findings may be disseminated in professional journals or professional meetings.

Duration of Participation

This study is designed to require minimal time commitment. The surveys should take you approximately 10 – 15 minutes to complete. You may be asked to participate in a follow-up interview that will take approximately 30 minutes either in person or over the phone. If you check the box at the bottom, you will not be contacted for an interview.

Risks to the Individual

The study contains no more risk than is found in everyday life. If you are of become uncomfortable with the topic, you may decline further participation at any time.

Benefits to the Individual or Others

You may not receive any individual benefits from this study. Stoughton High School may benefit in that it may learn more about how students view the independent study / mentorship programs. Society and the larger research community may benefit from increased knowledge about students' perceptions of their mentorship experiences. This may help improve similar programs.

Compensation

You will not receive any compensation for participation in this study.

Confidentiality

Although your participation cannot be anonymous due to the contact information and possible face-to-face contact required, all information collected during this study will be kept confidential. Pseudonyms will be used in place of your actual name in any reports or written articles. The findings may be disseminated in professional journals or professional meetings. We plan to keep this data (including taped interviews) indefinitely in a locked storage cabinet in the principal investigator's office at Purdue University. Only the Principal Investigator and Key Research Personnel will have access to the data. The data will not be used for any additional research purposes unless first approved by the Institutional Review Board. The project's research records may be reviewed by departments at Purdue University responsible for regulatory and research oversight.

Voluntary Nature of Participation

You do not have to participate in this research project. If you agree to participate you can withdraw from participation at any time without penalty. You also understand that you may choose only to complete the survey and that you may opt out of being interviewed if you so choose.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions about this research project, you can contact Dr. Marcia Gentry ([megentry@purdue.edu](mailto:megentry@purdue.edu)) at 765-494-7243 or Scott Peters ([speters@purdue.edu](mailto:speters@purdue.edu)) at 765-494-7241. If you have concerns about the treatment of research participants, you can contact the Committee on the Use of Human Research Subjects at Purdue University, 610 Purdue Mall, Hovde Hall Room 307, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2040. The phone number for the Committee's secretary is (765) 494-5942. The email address is [irb@purdue.edu](mailto:irb@purdue.edu).

Initials/date \_\_\_\_\_

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I have had the opportunity to read this consent form and have the research study explained. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the research project and my questions have been answered. I am prepared to participate in the research project described above. I will receive a copy of this consent form after I sign it.

- I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY, BUT DO NOT WANT TO BE INTERVIEWED

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Participant's Signature

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Date

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Participant's Name

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Researcher's Signature

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