

2022 madiSTEM Youth Assent Form Packet

The madiSTEM Conference organizers are studying the effectiveness of the madiSTEM Conference, and they invite all students attending the 2022 madiSTEM Conference to participate in this study by completing questionnaires during the conference. The data from this study would be very useful to the conference organizers to evaluate and continue improving the program, and we hope that you will help us collect this important information. A description of the study is included on the next page in this packet as well as on the Informed Consent Form included in the madiSTEM Parent/Guardian Form Packet.

Participation in this study is voluntary, and you do not have to agree take part in the study in order to participate in the madiSTEM program. To take part in the study, BOTH the student and a parent/guardian must give permission by signing and returning forms. **The form for STUDENTS is included in this packet.** (The form for parents/guardians is included in the Parent/Guardian Form Packet.)

A link to access and submit this form digitally via Adobe Sign will be emailed to the parent/guardian email address listed on each student's registration form.

- In order for a student to give their permission to participate in the study, the student completes and signs the Youth Assent Form on the next page in this packet and
 - **submits it digitally using the emailed link by Wednesday, March 23rd,** or
 - **brings a completed paper copy with them on Saturday, March 26th,** to turn them in at the conference check-in table when they arrive.

Submit your forms digitally by Wednesday, March 23rd, via the Adobe Sign link that you received via email or bring completed paper forms to the conference check-in table on Saturday, March 26th.

YOUTH ASSENT FORM

IRB # 17-0348

Dear Student,

We are inviting you to participate in this study because you are attending the madiSTEM Conference. We are interested in what you think about topics and careers in science and math and your opinions about the madiSTEM conference activities.

You will complete 5 surveys during the conference. These surveys are not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. Most of the questions are multiple-choice. The surveys will take you about 5 minutes each to do.

If you feel like the questionnaire is taking too long, is making you upset, you get tired, or if for any other reason you want to stop, you may do so at any time. The primary reason for giving you these surveys is to figure out how effective and interesting the conference is for the students who attend. This information will help the conference leaders make changes to improve the conference in the future.

By agreeing below, you are allowing us to use your surveys in this study. Your answers will be completely confidential. They will only be seen by the researchers, and no individual answers will be identified in any presentation or report.

We have asked your parents for their permission for you to do this study. Please talk this over with them before you decide whether or not to participate.

If you have any questions at any time, please ask one of the researchers.

If you check "yes," it means that you have decided to participate and have read everything that is on this form.

____ Yes, I would like to participate in the study.

____ No, I do not want to participate in the study.

Signature of the Student

Date

Name of Student (printed)

Name of Researcher (Signed)

Date

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