



[Project Title]

Minnesota State University, Mankato Assent Form (Adolescent)

This document is intended to serve as a template that can be adapted to the specific needs of your research project. It is important to ensure that the language you use, whether spoken or read, **is appropriate to the subject's developmental level.**

Optional: This template is **not** a requirement. It is offered as a tool to assist you in your research. You are welcome to design your own assent forms. Please ensure that all of the relevant elements are present.

Students: Please confer with your advisor to ensure you are designing your assent language according to their guidance.

Colors: This template utilizes colors to help you consider your options. Colors are not required or expected in your assent language.

Typical or required language is written in **black** while examples of language that can be emended are written in **yellow**.

Purpose

My name is [provide full name]. I [work or go to school] at Minnesota State University, Mankato. I am inviting you to participate in a research study about [insert topic of the study in simple language]. Your parent/caregiver(s) know we are talking with you about the study. This form will tell you about the study to help you decide whether or not you want to take part in it.

Before you decide, here are some important things to know:

- **What will you do?**
You will [describe the activity in simple terms using one paragraph at maximum, e.g., "You will complete a survey and a follow up interview"].
- **Why is this study being done?**
The purpose of this study is to [explain why the research is being done using language that is appropriate to the child's age and maturity. Keep the explanation brief.] You are being asked to take part in the study because [explain why the child is a potential participant.]



- **Do you have to do this?**

No, you don't. The choice is yours. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. No one will get angry or upset if you don't want to do this. And you can change your mind anytime if you decide you don't want to be in the study anymore.

- **Do I get anything in return for participating in this study? [Only include this section if there is compensation (gift cards, payment, etc.)]**

[You will receive...give the specifics of the amount and when they should expect the compensation]

Questions: This is an appropriate place in the assent procedure to ask the subject whether they have any questions about participation.

Signing here means that you have read this form or have had it read to you and that you are willing to be in this study.

Do you agree to participate?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Name of the Participant: _____

Signature of the Participant: _____

Date: _____