

Student Assent Form
For
A longitudinal study of students enrolled at The Putney School

I freely and voluntarily and without coercion, consent to be a participant in the longitudinal study of students at The Putney School. I understand that this study is a long term research study that will gather data about students during the time they attend The Putney School and in subsequent years.

I understand I will be asked to fill out surveys periodically. I will be identified only by an ID number on the surveys and the ID number will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. My name will not be used in any reports that derive from the study. Only group findings will be reported. Group findings will be provided to me upon request when they become available.

I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary and I may cease participation at any time without prejudice. I understand there are potential benefits from the study. Better understanding of the influences of health behaviors, school practices and other variables on future health, academic and personal success, and adult behaviors and beliefs will add to the general knowledge about progressive education and those who benefit most from it. This will help schools and educators to become better sources for learning and growth.

I understand that possible risks of this study include anxiety or stress that I may feel in answering questions that relate to my own behavior and beliefs. If this occurs, I understand I may speak with the Principal Investigator about my feelings and/or cease participation in the study.

I understand that I can contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Judith Petry, at any time if I have questions or concerns about the research, or about my rights as a research participant.

I have read and understand this assent form. I have had the opportunity to have my questions answered, and I consent to participate in the research study.

Student name (please print)

Student signature

Date