

FIRST Global Evaluation Study – Information and Consent for Parents-Guardians

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This study is being conducted by Marji Erickson Warfield, Ph.D., at Brandeis University.

Please read this form carefully. It tells you about your rights in this study. Ask questions if you want more information about this form or this study.

What is this study about?

Student experiences on their *FIRST* Global teams and their educational and other interests, activities and pursuits now, at the end of the year, and a year from now.

Parent/guardian and family characteristics and views of the *FIRST* Global experience for their child/children.

Who are we asking to participate?

Students on 2024 *FIRST* Global teams and their parents/guardians.

What will you be asked to do?

There are four parts to this study – you **do not** have to participate in all four.

1. We would like you to provide the number and age(s) of your child/children who is/are participating on a 2024 *FIRST* Global team.
2. For your child/children participating on a 2024 *FIRST* Global team who are less than 18 years of age, we would like you to consent for your child/children to participate in three surveys and, if you consent, we ask you to provide your child/children's contact information (name, email address and phone number for text messages only) so we can contact them, provide them with study information, and ask if they assent to participate in three surveys. The surveys will gather information on:
 - a. The nation they are representing and any previous experience with *FIRST* Global
 - b. Individual characteristics such as age, gender, and race
 - c. Current education and future education goals
 - d. Reasons for joining *FIRST* Global and their activities on the team
 - e. Participation in other activities outside of school
 - f. Their interests and skills in STEM, entrepreneurship, and global challenges
3. For your child/children participating on a 2024 *FIRST* Global team who are 18 years of age or older, we would like you to provide your child/children's contact information (name, email address and phone number for text messages only) so we can contact them, provide them with study information, and ask if they will consent to participate in three surveys. The surveys will gather information on:
 - a. The nation they are representing and any previous experience with *FIRST* Global
 - b. Individual characteristics such as age, gender, and race
 - c. Current education and future education goals

- d. Reasons for joining *FIRST* Global and their activities on the team
 - e. Participation in other activities outside of school
 - f. Their interests and skills in STEM, entrepreneurship, and global challenges
4. We would like you to complete a questionnaire (set of questions). It will ask you about yourself, your spouse or partner, your family, and your views of the *FIRST* Global experience. Specifically, questions are asked about
- a. your education and employment,
 - b. the education and employment of your spouse or partner,
 - c. whether your family has traveled internationally, and
 - d. your perceptions of your child's education, other interests, and *FIRST* Global experience.

Are there any possible risks for you?

You may feel uncomfortable sharing contact information on your child/children. If you do, you can choose to share contact information that you have access to (e.g., your own email address or phone number for text messages) or you can choose not to share this information.

Some questions on the survey we are asking you to complete may make you feel uncomfortable. If they do, you can skip the question. You can also quit the survey at any time.

Your information could be accidentally leaked to people not connected with this study. We will do everything we can to make sure this doesn't happen.

Will you benefit from participation?

No, you will not. But we hope to learn about the experiences of students who participate in *FIRST* Global so the program can be improved.

Will it cost you anything to participate?

Just your time (5 minutes to provide your child/children age(s) and to provide their contact information and 5 minutes to complete the parent/guardian survey)

Will you receive anything for participating in the study?

No

How will we keep your information private?

We will not share any information that we collect that can identify you or your child unless we legally have to.

We will use a random code to keep track of your answers. The code will link your answers to your name through a master list that will be stored separately from your answers.

When we publish what we have learned from your and your child's survey data, everyone's answers will be combined - this will make it harder for someone to figure out which answers are yours or your child's.

What will happen with my answers after this study?

We will store your answers – without information that can identify you – indefinitely.

If you agree, we would like to store your de-identified answers in a place where we can share them with other researchers (called a digital repository). This allows other researchers to use this information in their own future research.

If you don't want us to share your answers with other researchers, that's okay. You can indicate that below.

What if you don't want to participate or change your mind partway through?

Participating in this study is completely voluntary. You can refuse to participate or quit at any time.

You may also refuse to answer specific questions– simply skip them on the questionnaire.

Who can you call if you have more questions?

If you have any questions about the research or your participation in the study, feel free to contact Marji Erickson Warfield at 781-736-3833 or mew@brandeis.edu.

This research was approved by an office/committee that oversees the ethics of human subjects research at Brandeis University. If you have any questions about your rights – or if you have concerns about the study – you may contact them at 781-736-8133 or hrpp@brandeis.edu.

Consent/Agreement

In regard to the consent that I may or may not give relative to each numbered statement below, I understand the following:

- My consent is freely given. I understand that no one will know whether I choose to participate or not and whether I participate or not will not influence my connection to *FIRST* Global or my child's participation in the program.
- I have been encouraged to ask questions, have received satisfactory answers to my questions and understand my rights.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I may withdraw consent at any time by simply not answering the questions or by exiting out of the survey or browser.
- I understand I may withdraw my personal information at any time without reason or penalty, and that I may request access to my personal identifiable information at no cost.
- I have the right to have my data expunged and there are procedures in place to expunge the data
- I have the right to file a complaint with the data protection authority - https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-topic/data-protection_en
- I have the right to access my data by contacting FIRSTGlobalEval@brandeis.edu. Only the Brandeis Principal Investigator and data analyst will have access to my data.