

FIRST Global Evaluation Study

Hello!

Our research team from Brandeis University thanks you for completing the survey we sent before the *FIRST* Global event in Athens and for connecting us to your child. We are now asking you to complete another survey to learn more about your child's experiences on the *FIRST* Global team – whether they traveled to Athens or not. We hope that you will answer all of the questions as honestly and completely as you can!

Please read and respond to the information below.

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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?

Parent/guardian views of the *FIRST* Global experience for their child/children and, for those who attended, views of their experiences at the *FIRST* Global Challenge in Athens

Who are we asking to participate?

Parents/guardians of students on 2024 *FIRST* Global Teams.

What will you be asked to do?

We would like you to complete a questionnaire (set of questions). It will ask you about your views of your child's *FIRST* Global experience. Specifically, questions are asked about

- a. Whether your child traveled to Athens for the *FIRST* Global Challenge,
- b. Changes in your child's interests, skills, and thoughts about jobs/careers after their *FIRST* Global team experience, and
- c. Satisfaction with the experience and interest in participating again next year.

Are there any possible risks for you?

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 - about 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 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 survey data, everyone's answers will be combined - this will make it harder for someone to figure out which answers are yours.

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.