**Instructions:** Keep all non-bracketed text as is while addressing the issues in brackets as appropriate to your study. When you have addressed the issue in each bracket, delete that bracket. All brackets should be deleted before sending this form to the IRB for review. Address every area in brackets on the form. Bolded sections should remain bold. Note that there are brackets in the last few paragraphs; please do not forget to address those.

Adapt the form so participants will understand it, but do not leave out any sections unless the instructions in that section specifically indicate that you can do so.

Be prepared to give every participant a copy of their signed consent form.

Delete this paragraph and every sentence above it before you finalize the form. The below line (with your project title) and the words Assent to Be In a Research Study should be the first line in the form.

**[Project title]: Assent to Be In a Research Study**

[Researcher’s name]

Colorado College Department of [Fill in]

Department Phone Number: [fill in phone number of department staff assistant, including international calling code if research is taking place outside the U.S.]

[Researcher’s email address]

We are doing a research study. A research study is a way to learn more things. We are trying to learn more about [state the purpose in simple language]. If you decide that you want to be part of this study, you will be asked to [describe the procedures (including audio/video recordings) and time involved, use bullet points or numbers if there are multiple tasks].

[Use statement (a) or (b) below depending on whether participants will benefit directly, or create an equivalent sentence using language appropriate to the participant’s age.]

(a) Not everyone who takes part in this study will benefit. A benefit means that something good happens to you. We think these benefits might be [explain benefits in simple language].

(b) We don’t know if this study will help you. We hope to learn something that will help other people someday.

[Use statement (a) or (b) below depending on whether there are any risks to the study. You may modify the statement using age-appropriate language.]

(a) There are some parts of the study that might hurt or upset you. [describe risks in very simple language].

(b) We don’t think any parts of the study will hurt or upset you.

You don’t have to be in this study.  It is up to you and no one will be mad at you if you choose not to be in the study. [If conducting a school-based study, include the following, without quotation marks: “Your grade in this class or your relationship with your teacher will not change if you do or do not choose to do be in the study.”]  If you say yes now, but change your mind later, that’s okay too. Just let me know.

When we are finished with this study, we will write a report about what was learned. This report will not include your name or say that you were in the study.

If you any questions, you can ask the researcher now or later. Please let [your parent/guardian] know if anything bothers you about the study and they will talk to the researcher.

If you decide you want to be in this study, please print and sign your name.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, want to be in this research study.

(Print your name here)

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(Sign your name here) (Date)

**Researcher’s Affirmation**

*I have given this research subject information on the study that is accurate and sufficient for the subject to understand fully the nature, risks and benefits of the study and to decide whether they want to participate.*

Printed Name of Person Obtaining Consent Date

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent