

2016-2017 Evaluation of West Virginia's
21st Century Community Learning Center Program
Parent/Guardian Informed Consent

I understand that the afterschool program my child will attend will be evaluated by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE). The purpose of the evaluation study is *to find out how well the program is working*. What the WVDE learns from this study may help improve the program in the future. Later this school year, we would like to ask your child's teacher about the amount of progress your child has made. Any information we would gather would be protected and your child would never be identified. The information provided would be combined with information from others, and reported as a group.

Allowing your child to take part in this study in the way just described will put your child at no more risk than he or she would experience during any normal day. Although your child may not benefit directly by being part of the study, it is possible that because of what we learn, the program may improve to better meet his or her needs or the needs of other students.

Neither you nor your child will receive any money or other reward for taking part in this study. Allowing your child to be part of the study is completely voluntary. If you decide not to allow your child to be part of it, there will be no penalties or loss of benefits to you or your child.

To allow us to collect this information from your child's teacher there is no action you need to take. Thank you!

If you do NOT want your child to be part of the study, just fill in the information below and return this form to the afterschool program coordinator.

☐ Do NOT include my child in the evaluation study.

Child's name (please print): _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of afterschool program: (to be filled in by program staff):

For more information about the education program we are studying, you may contact Josh Asbury (304-872-6440, jmasbury@k12.wv.us) or Benitez Jackson (304-256-4712; bjackson@k12.wv.us). If you have questions about this evaluation study, you may contact Patricia Hammer (304-558-2546; phammer@k12.wv.us). This study has been reviewed and approved by the West Virginia Department of Education Institutional Review Board (IRB-WVDE-XXX). If you want to know more about the review of this study, you may contact the WVDE IRB co-chair, Amber Stohr astohr@k12.wv.us