



PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD’S FUTURE CITY TEACHER

Future City Study: Parental Permission Form (August 22, 2011)

Concord Evaluation Group, LLC (CEG) is evaluating the impact of the *Future City* program (<http://futurecity.org>) in your child’s school and in 24 other schools across the nation. The goal of the study is to learn whether the program impacts kids’ engineering-related knowledge, skills, attitudes and motivation.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be asked to respond to two surveys in school. Each survey will take no more than 30 minutes to complete. The surveys will ask your child questions about engineering and their attitudes, interest, and motivation to do engineering activities. We will also ask students whether they enjoyed the *Future City* activities at school and at the competition (should your child compete). We will also come to your child’s school to observe the *Future City* program during one of its meetings. We will not take photos of your child or record your child’s voice. We will record written notes during our visit.

What will CEG do with the information it collects?

We will use the survey findings to make judgments about how effective the *Future City* program is. We will never report data about individual students to the schools. **All the data will be kept confidential.**

What are the risks and benefits for my child?

We do not anticipate any risks or benefits for your child to participate in the surveys. We will never make public individual student names.

Is this voluntary?

Yes. Your child’s participation in the surveys is completely voluntary. There is no penalty for refusing to participate. Your child may still participate in the *Future City* program even if they do not do the surveys. Even if you agree to allow your child to participate, your child may skip any survey questions s/he wants. Your child may stop the survey at any time. Your child’s grades do not depend on their responses.

What if I have additional questions?

If you have questions or concerns about this research study, please contact the director of the research project, Dr. Christine Paulsen, at cpaulsen@concordevaluation.com or **888-683-2826** c/o Concord Evaluation Group, LLC, PO Box 694, Concord, MA 01742.

I agree to allow my child(ren) _____ to participate in the surveys.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Printed Name