

Consent

Title of the Project: Recommendations for improving the use of technology in classrooms to differentiate lessons

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Invitation to be Part of a Research Study

You are invited to participate in a research study. In order to participate, you must be a middle school to high school aged student and the student's parent, and a middle school or high school teacher. The criteria for participating are as followed:

- A middle school or high school student
- The parent of a middle or high school student
 - A middle or high school teacher

Taking part in this research project is voluntary.

Please take time to read this entire form and ask questions before deciding whether to take part in this research project.

What is the study about and why is it being done?

The purpose of the study is to provide recommendations to the admiration on how to help teachers use technology in the classroom in order for all students to be successful. Everyone learns in their own unique way, and this study was developed to help teachers be able to reach all students.

What will happen if you take part in this study?

If you agree to be in this study, I would ask you to do the following things:

1. Complete the demographic questions, this should take approximately 1 to 2 minutes.
2. Complete the survey questions, this should take approximately 5 to 10 minutes. They will have approximately one week to complete the survey.
3. Lastly, there will be interview questions that will be recorded. This will take approximately 30 minutes to an hour. The volunteer will have the option to complete these questions in a written format if they would prefer that over an interview.

How could you or others benefit from this study?

Participants should not expect to receive a direct benefit from taking part in this study.

What risks might you experience from being in this study?

The risks involved in this study are minimal, which means they are equal to the risks you would encounter in everyday life.

How will personal information be protected?

The records of this study will be kept private. Research records will be stored securely, and only the researcher will have access to the records. Each participant will remain anonymous throughout the process. The only people that will read the research project are staff members at Liberty University and the researcher.

- Participant responses will be anonymous. Participant responses will be kept confidential through the use of pseudonyms. Interviews will be conducted on zoom or a phone call where others will not easily overhear the conversation.
- Data will be stored on a password-locked computer and may be used in future presentations. After three years, all electronic records will be deleted.
- Interviews will be recorded and transcribed. Recordings will be stored on a password locked computer for three years and then erased. Only the researcher will have access to these recordings.
- Individuals may discuss what they have been asked through the interviews and survey's, but the researcher will keep all information that is provided to them confidential. The only individuals that will read the information are the staff members at Liberty University and the researcher.

Is study participation voluntary?

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Liberty University or your school. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

What should you do if you decide to withdraw from the study?

If you choose to withdraw from the study, please inform the researcher that you wish to discontinue your participation, and do not submit your study materials. Your responses will not be recorded or included in the study.

If you choose to withdraw from the study, please contact the researcher at the email address/phone number included in the next paragraph. Should you choose to withdraw, data collected from you will be destroyed immediately and will not be included in this study.

Whom do you contact if you have questions or concerns about the study?

The researcher conducting this is Stephanie Cannon. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, **you are encouraged** to contact her at (240) 401-3405 or scannon11@liberty.edu You may also contact the researcher's faculty sponsor, Dr. Armbruster at etarmbruster@liberty.edu.

Whom do you contact if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher, **you are encouraged** to contact the Institutional Review Board, 1971 University Blvd., Green Hall Ste. 2845, Lynchburg, VA 24515 or email at irb@liberty.edu

Your Consent

By signing this document, you are agreeing to be in this study. Make sure you understand what the study is about before you sign. You will be given a copy of this document for your records. The researcher will keep a copy with the study records. If you have any questions about the study after you sign this document, you can contact the study team using the information provided above.

I have read and understood the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers. I consent to participate in the study.

The researcher has my permission to video/audio-record me as part of my participation in this study.

Printed Subject Name

Signature & Date

Legally Authorized Representative Permission

By signing this document, you are agreeing to the person named below participating in this study. Make sure you understand what the study is about before you sign. You will be given a copy of this document for your records. The researcher will keep a copy with the study records. If you have any questions about the study after you sign this document, you can contact the study team using the information provided above.

I have read and understood the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers. I agree for the person named below to take part in this study.

The researcher has my permission to video/audio-record the person named below as part of their participation in this study.

Printed Subject Name

Printed LAR Name and Relationship to Subject

LAR Signature

Date