**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH:**

**Emotion and decision making processes across development**

**Minor assent for ages 8-12**

This form describes a research study that is trying to understand how children think and feel. It also helps us understand how children’s thoughts and feelings change as they get older. You are here because you might want to be part of the study. This form has information to help you decide if you want to be in the study. You can decide to be in the study, or you can decide not to be in the study. It is up to you. You can take as much time as you want to decide, and you can ask us questions any time.

What will happen during the study? During the study, you would play computer games where you would make decisions about pictures or sentences or about money. While you were playing these games, we might put some stickers on your fingers to measure how much your fingers are sweating and a clip on your thumb to measure how fast your heart is beating. Sometimes, a peer might be watching you play the computer games.

We will explain each computer game and practice before we start it. Some of the games have faces and we’ll ask you to decide if the faces look happy or sad. Some of the games have words or pictures of people or nature or animals. Other games will ask you to think about how somebody else might be feeling. In other games, you would choose between different options like picking cards or gambling money. We will ask you to play a few of these games today. If you don’t like any of the games, you can just say ‘stop’ and we will turn them off right away.

During the study, you will also be asked questions about how you think and feel and how your body is growing. We will also ask you about certain things you might have done and how you feel about those things, and about friends. Your parent might also answer questions about your family and how you think and feel. If you don’t want to answer a question, you don’t have to and neither does your parent. You can just tell us if you don’t want to answer. You can also take a break whenever you want.

You can change your mind and stop at any time. Nobody will be upset if you stop, and you will still get the same amount of money if you decide to stop.

You will get paid $10 for the first half hour, and $10 per hour after the first half hour in cash at the end of your session at the lab for participating in the study. We will also tell you and your parent about what our research study is trying to figure out about how kids and teens think differently as they grow up.

What if I have more questions? If you have any more questions, you can contact Leah H. Somerville, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Northwest Science Building, 52 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA, 02138, [somerville@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:somerville@fas.harvard.edu).

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If you have asked all of your questions, and understand what it means to be in the study, you can sign below to show us that you want to try it. **Remember, even if you sign you can decide to stop the study anytime you want to.** If you stop, nobody will be upset with you and you will still earn the same amount of money.

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I have discussed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the above procedures, explicitly pointing out potential risks or discomforts. I have asked whether any questions remain and have answered these questions to the best of my ability**.**

Investigator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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