**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH:**

**Emotion and decision making processes across development**

**Minor assent for ages 13-17**

This form describes a research study that is trying to understand differences in how children, teens, and adult think and feel. To do this, we want to know how peoples’ emotions and decisions 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 not. 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 main part of the study, you would sit at a computer and complete different tasks that involve emotions and decisions. We might also put some adhesive sensors on your fingers to measure how much your fingers are sweating, and a clip on your thumb to measure your heart rate. None of these things hurt, but if you don’t like them, we can remove them. Sometimes, we might ask you complete these computer tasks in the presence of a peer.

We will ask you to complete different computer tasks. We will explain each computer task and practice before we start. During some tasks, you would rate or judge faces, sentences, or pictures that range from being positive to negative. In other tasks you would make decisions about how to play a gambling game or rounds of a card game. In all tasks, you would make your decision by pressing a key and we will record your choice and how long it took him or her to press the key.

During the study, we will ask you questions about how you think and feel, about friends, and about how your body is changing. Your parent might also help you answer some of the questions. These questions ask about things like happiness, sadness, and anxiety. If you don’t want to answer any of the questions, 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.

In the future, we might want to contact you again for more information or to invite you to participate in future research studies. If you don’t want to be contacted again, write your name here:

Are there any risks? You will be asked questions about your past and current thoughts and feelings, and how your body is changing with puberty. We will also ask you about common risks that teenagers take and how you feel about them. If these questions make you uncomfortable, you can choose not to answer them. You do not have to tell us why. For all the questions you do answer, we will not share your answers with anyone else.

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

Do I get compensated? All participants are compensated for their time. If you are taking a course at Harvard University, you may want to earn course credit for participating in this research. If you are eligible, you can be compensated in course credit at a rate of 1 credit per hour. If you choose cash**,** you will be paid $10 for the first half hour and $10 per hour after the first half hour. You may also choose to split your payment between credits and cash. We will also explain to you and your parent about what our research study is trying to figure out about how thoughts and decisions change during adolescence.

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 290, 52 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA, 02138, somerville@fas.harvard.edu.

Whom to contact about your rights in this research, for questions, concerns, suggestions, or complaints that are not being addressed by the researcher, or research-related harm: Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research at Harvard University, 1414 Massachusetts Avenue, Second Floor, Cambridge, MA  02138.  Phone:  617-496-CUHS (2847).  Email: cuhs@fas.harvard.edu.

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 are consenting to participate. For you to participate, we must receive consent from you and from your parent or guardian. **Remember, even if you sign below you can decide to stop the study anytime you want to.** If you stop, there will be no penalty.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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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