



Bergen County Academies

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Bergen County Academies is committed to ongoing development as a vibrant learning community and to the enhancement of education via student participation in unique opportunities. Among these opportunities is the possibility of conducting/participating in student designed research studies, under the guidance of our Psychology Department faculty. Participation might involve filling out a survey, learning material under specific, controlled conditions, or expressing opinions on various topics. Studies are designed with the safety and comfort of students in mind, avoid controversial topics (i.e. sex, drugs, religion, or politics), and allow students to remain anonymous. All studies will comply with or exceed all ethical standards set by Federal policy. Adherence to these standards will be overseen by our District Board.

Examples of studies that might be conducted at BCA include: *The Effects of Color on Learning*; *The Effect of Doodling on Learning and Retention*; and, *The Influence of a Group on an Individual's Opinion of a Movie*. **Students participating in studies like these would do so on a case by case, voluntary basis.**

Your consent is required in order for your child to participate in research studies. Information regarding specific studies will be available to you. To request this information, you may call Patricia Kenny at 201-343-6000 (ext. 2236) or reach her by email (patken@bergen.org).

Your child's participation is greatly appreciated, as it is an essential component of our Psychology research program. Please sign and return the following form to Dr. Patricia Kenny, via the Main Office mailbox.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patricia Kenny

Consent to Participate in Psychology Research

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I give consent to allow my child, _____, to participate in research projects at Bergen County Academies. I reserve the right to opt out at any time.

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Student Signature (if over 18): _____ Date _____