

Minor Assent Form

Broadening Participation in Computing: ECEP

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You are being asked to be a volunteer in a research study.

Purpose of the Study

We are researchers in the College of Computing at the Georgia Institute of Technology. We would like to invite you to take part in our research study that attempts to broaden participation in computing fields.

What Will I Be Doing?

1. You will attend extra help sessions either in-person or via a webinar. The help sessions will cover computer science concepts from the APCS A exam, give you extra practice time, and introduce you to role models. The webinars will assist you with questions and homework. We ask that you attend at least 4 help sessions.
2. You will take the APCS A exam and report your score to ECEP.
3. You will be given survey/s that will ask you about your attitudes toward computing and measure your knowledge in computing.
4. You may be asked to participate in an interview or focus group as part of the evaluation of the program.

Is It Dangerous?

There aren't any special risks in being part of this study. The risks are the same as normal activities like talking with parents or friends.

Benefits to You

You may be provided with educational benefits through participation in the study. Your participation in this study will benefit the program and the National Science Foundation by providing information about increasing participation in computer-related disciplines and careers.

Compensation

If you take the APCS A exam AND send your score to ECEP (regardless of the score) by the end of July, you will be entered into a drawing for a prize worth \$150.00-\$200.00.

Participation in the research is not required in order to have a chance to win.

Costs

It will not cost you anything to be in this study.

Confidentiality

All of the information we collect will be kept confidential.

As part of our research, we would like to request the release of your APCS A exam score from your teacher. In order to obtain your score, we will need to share some of your personal information (your name) with your teacher. If you will allow us to provide these records to your teacher in order to gain access to your APCS A exam score, you can simply initial the Teacher Data Release section at the bottom of this form.

As part of our research we may be taking photographs and recording audio and/or video of you. We may use some of these records in papers that we write or presentations that we give. If you do not want us to use these records, you can simply initial the Media Opt-Out section at the bottom of this form.

In Case of Injury/Harm

There aren't any special risks in being part of this study. But just in case you get hurt as a result of being in this study, you or your parent can contact:

Dr. Mark Guzdial

801 Atlantic Drive, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, 30332-0280

Phone: 404-894-5618; E-mail: guzdial@cc.gatech.edu

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Dr. Tom McKlin

SageFox Consulting Group, 675 Seminole Avenue NE., Atlanta, GA 30307

Phone: (404) 633-9005 Email: tmcklin@sagefoxgroup.com

Your Rights

- We will not tell anyone that you are in this study.
- You don't have to be in this study if you don't want to be.
- You can change your mind at any time and leave the study without any problem.
- Nobody will be angry or disappointed if you decide not to be in the study or if you decide to quit.

Questions about the Study:

If you have any questions about the study, you may contact:

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Questions about Your Rights as a Research Participant:

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact

Ms. Melanie Clark, Georgia Institute of Technology IRB at (404) 894-6942.

If you sign below, it means that you have read the information on this form, and you would like to be a volunteer in this study.

Name

Signature

Date

Please initial here to acknowledge that you will be entered into a drawing for a prize worth \$150.00-\$200.00 if you submit your APCS A exam score to ECEP by the end of July.

Teacher Data Release

As part of our research we would like to share some of your personal information (your name) with your teacher in order to gain access to your APCS A exam score. Please initial below if you will allow the researchers to use these records. You may change your mind at any time. You can still participate in the study regardless of your decision:

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