



NEWBERRY COLLEGE

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

RE-MAST Phase II | Consent Revised 9/6/2016

Description

You have been asked to participate in a study conducted by Newberry College under the *RE-MAST Phase II grant*. This study involves research being conducted by the Principal Investigator, Dr. Christina McCartha, and co-investigators as follows: Jennifer Morrison (Teacher Education), Dr. Charles Horn (Biology), and Renee Stubbs (Mathematics). For answers to questions about the research or your rights as a subject, please contact the Principal Investigator at (803) 321-5260 or christina.mccartha@newberry.edu.

Grant Purposes

We are studying what contributes to the effectiveness of current and future high school Mathematics and Science teachers, their persistence in the teaching profession, and what factors contribute to this persistence. By collecting and analyzing data from you, our goals are to positively influence the work of public school districts, particularly those serving high needs students, and teacher education programs across the United States through publication of project findings.

Research Procedures

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be involved in one or more of the following: A) completing one or more teacher performance assessments, B) being observed during instruction and providing a lesson plan for the observed lesson and/or C) completing one or more surveys related to how you perceive your leadership and persistence in teaching. The duration of the study is approximately five years and you may be asked to be involved in one of the above options more than once in a given year or more than once across years. All assessments, instruments, and protocols will be research-based, and you will be provided with information related to specific instruments prior to their use. You will know where the instrument was derived, any special considerations related to your participation, questions that may be asked, and/or the expected duration. It is not anticipated that any procedures used in the study will be experimental.

Potential Risks and Discomforts

Risks to students and participating educators should be minimal. In all public venues, participant, student, and school identities will be kept confidential. Care will be taken to remove any identifying information from the results.

Potential Benefits to Subjects and/or Society

There are no anticipated or significant personal benefits for you as a result of your participation. You will be contributing to knowledge related to the teaching of high school Mathematics and Science. The major benefit will be to further understand the dynamics involved in performance and retention of teachers in these fields.

Payment for Participation

There is no payment for participation in this study per se. However, as a result of the funding you are receiving from REMAST, you have been selected as a candidate for inclusion in this study. As stated below, you can choose whether or not to participate in this study without the decision affecting your stipend or scholarship allocation.

Confidentiality

As stated above, any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you, your students, or your school will remain confidential. Raw data will not be made available to awardees, mentors, or school personnel of partner districts. Raw data will not be made available to outside persons or agencies, unless there is a reason of related research or research need. Outside researchers or research agencies seeking access to RE-MAST data will be required to sign a privacy and use agreement.

Any data will be coded with a participant, student, and/or school PIN specific to this study. PIN numbers will be kept in a list in that can only be used by the Newberry College researchers in the study. When the results of the research are published or discussed in conferences, no information will be included that would reveal your, your students', or your school's identities.

Participation and Withdrawal

You can choose whether to participate in this study or not. You can choose whether or not to participate in any aspect of the study or not. If you volunteer to participate, you may withdraw totally or from any part without consequences of any kind. You may also refuse to answer any questions you do not want to answer and still remain in the study. The Principal Investigator may withdraw you from this study if circumstances arise which warrant doing so, with no penalty to you.

If there are concerns about the treatment of research participants, the Chairman of the Newberry College Institutional Review Board should be contacted at (803) 321-5242 or sara.peters@newberry.edu.

Signatures

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THIS CONSENT FORM, ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RESEARCH, AND AM PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.

Name	Please Complete	Date
Participant (Print):		
Participant Signature:		
Researcher Signature:		

IRB Approval Date: 6/9/2014

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