

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

ASSENT FORM – age 12-16
Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology

We are studying what you do and how you feel about the programs provided by the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT) at Virginia Tech. We hope to learn how you develop critical and creative thinking skills over time.

Everyone who participates in ICAT programs is part of the study. You do not have to participate in the study if you do not want to. But, you cannot participate in ICAT programs if you don't want to be part of the study.

At ICAT programs, we will ask your parents about your age and gender when you are registered. During the programs we might take pictures and/or video of you. We might ask you about what you are doing and take notes or record the response. We may also watch how you work with others. You may make things like journals, films, pictures, objects, computer programs and files, sculptures, drawings, blogs, and presentations. We might look at any of these things you make during or for ICAT programs for our research. After most ICAT programs, we will ask you to tell us about the experience using a paper or online survey. We will use what you tell us in our research.

Because we are interested in how critical and creative thinking changes over time, we may want to contact you in future years. Each time we contact you, we will ask if you would like to continue to participate in the study. You can stop anytime. When you turn 18, you will need to complete a new legal form to continue to participate in the research.

ICAT programs are designed to build critical and creative thinking skills. Your critical and creative thinking skills may improve. What we learn will help us develop future programs. We don't promise any specific benefits to encourage you to be part of the study.

You are free to stop participating in this study at any time without getting in trouble. You may choose to not respond to any research questions that you choose. There may be reasons that we determine that you should not keep being part of the study.

You can also talk to your parent/guardian about the research. After you have talked to your parent, you can decide whether you would like to participate. If so, please sign below. Bring this form with you to the ICAT program.

Sign your name in cursive if you want to be part of the study

Date

Print your name