

Reed College
Human Subjects Research Committee (HSRC)
Appendix A 2007-2008
Research Involving Child Participants

All research projects that focus on participant populations under 18 years old are subject to additional regulatory requirements. [See 45 CFR 46 Subpart D.](#)

I. Parental Permission

A. Parental permission will be sought from:

- one or both parents or a legal guardian if parents not reachable.
- neither parent or legal guardian. (Go to Section III)

B. Please describe the procedure to be used to obtain parental permission.

NOTE: Please append parental permission forms and/or scripts.

II. Child Assent

Please provide information about how assent will be sought from children.

NOTE: Append assent forms and/or scripts.

III. Waiver of Parental Consent or Child Assent

A. A waiver of parental permission is being sought and **all** of the following conditions apply:

1. The research protocol is designed for conditions or for a population for which parental or guardian permission is not a reasonable requirement to protect the children (for example, neglected or abused children);
2. An appropriate mechanism for protecting the children who will participate is substituted (i.e., a child advocate). Appropriate mechanisms depend upon the nature and purpose of the activities described in the protocol, the risk and anticipated benefit to the children, and their age, maturity, status, and condition;
3. The waiver is consistent with Federal, State, and local law.

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Rationale for waiver and mechanism for protecting children:

OR

- B. A waiver of parental permission is being sought.
 A waiver of child assent is being sought.

NOTE: At a minimum, **all** of the following conditions must apply for either waiver:

1. The research involves **no more than minimal risk**;
2. The waiver will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the children;
3. The research could not practicably be carried out without the waiver;
4. Whenever appropriate, the parents or child will be provided with additional pertinent information after participation.

Rationale for waiver(s) and methods of providing post-participation information:

IV. Risks and Training

A. Specify any additional risks that your child participants might face in your research. Indicate how you intend to minimize these risks. For instance, how will you ensure that the children understand that they can stop at any time without penalty?

B. Specify your familiarity with and /or knowledge of working with children. This could include relevant coursework or general experiences.

C. Advisors Please Check and Sign Here

I certify that:

- the investigator has the training necessary to conduct this research with children.
 I will be responsible for training the investigator so that he/she may responsibly conduct this research.

Advisor's Signature