

Consent Form for SMCISD Students

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Project Flowing Waters is a grant to research science teaching. This grant is funded by the National Science Foundation and the Texas Pioneer Foundation. The Project Director is Dr. Julie Westerlund. You may contact her at (512)-245-3361, or jw33@txstate.edu. The San Marcos CISD contact is Pam Guettner and she can be contacted at 393-6929 or pam.guettner@smcisd.net. This grant is a collaboration between Texas State University – San Marcos and San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SM-CISD).

The goals of *Project Flowing Waters* that involve SMCISD students include: (1) bring excitement of the scientific process for 6-12th grade students, (2) increase student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and (3) strengthen the partnership between Texas State University and SM-CISD.

You have been chosen to participate because your teacher has a Project Flowing Waters resident scientist in the classroom. Students may choose not to participate. Grant participation includes two voluntary, anonymous short surveys (20 questions or less) and/or other short assessment type activities. These are confidential assessments which will not involve the student's name. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.

During the academic year 6-12th grade students will benefit from the accessibility, interaction, and enthusiasm of having a resident scientist in their classroom. Scientists will serve as mentors and role models for the students. Students will reap benefits of having educational programs that are designed for and focused on their specific classes and the State of Texas performance standards they are expected to achieve. *Project Flowing Waters* is based upon student learning outcomes from the 6-12th grade TEKS in Science. It will also focus on the State of Texas 8th and 12th grade exit exams in science (TAKS).

This grant has no risks to students. The grant activities are part of the regular science instruction for SMCISD. Standard safety procedures will be described to all participants for both field trips and classroom instruction.

A summary of the findings will be provided to you upon completion of the study if you desire. Pertinent questions about the research and research participants' rights, should be directed to the IRB chairperson, Dr. Lisa Lloyd, (ll12@txstate.edu) and to the OSP Administrator, Ms. Becky Northcut (sn10@txstate.edu) at Texas State University.

I have read the above document and consent to become a participant in the program by completing the grant surveys and grant assessments.

Please print name _____

Please sign name _____

If participant is below the age of 18, we need a signature of parental consent

Parent or Guardian print name _____

Parent or Guardian sign name _____

Thank you,
Dr. Julie F. Westerlund
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