



Dear Parent:

There are many STARTALK programs across the United States. The National Foreign Language Center (NFLC) supports these programs. One of the NFLC's jobs is to collect information about participants. To collect this information, NFLC surveys all participants. The surveys ask about language learning experiences and attitudes about language learning. NFLC will use the answers to these questions to make future STARTALK programs and language programs across the country better.

Your child may also use a program called LinguaFolio. LinguaFolio is a self-assessment, self-report tool used in Europe and several U.S. states for language learners. This means that your child will describe how well he or she is learning the language. Your child's program may also use other assessment tools.

We will do our best to keep your child's personal information confidential. All information collected by the surveys will be stored in a password-protected database. We will not include participant names in any published reports, media, or public discussions of STARTALK. Your child's name will be given a code for survey data. This code, instead of a name, will link your child's survey and identity. Only the researcher, you, and your child will be able to see this information. We will ask your permission if we want to cite your child by name for any reason.

Instructions on how to complete the student consent form are attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine Ingold".

Dr. Catherine Ingold
Project Principal Investigator

Initials _____ Date _____

Consent Form for Student Participation

Your Child's Name _____

Project Title	STARTALK
Why do I need to sign this form?	The National Foreign Language Center (NFLC) at the University of Maryland is doing research on the STARTALK program. Your child is participating in a STARTALK Program. The surveys your child will complete will teach us about your child's experience and language learning. What we learn will make STARTALK better.
What does my child have to do?	Your child will complete a survey during the STARTALK program. The survey will collect information about your child, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demographic information • your child's experience learning the language • how your child feels about the program The survey is online. Your child may also use LinguaFolio. LinguaFolio is a self-assessment, self-report tool used in Europe and several U.S. states for language learners. Your child may also be video or audio taped for recruitment and teacher training.
What about confidentiality?	We will do our best to keep your child's personal information confidential. All information will be stored in a password-protected database. We will not include participant names in any published reports, media, or public discussions of STARTALK. Your child's name will be given a code for surveys and other data. This code instead of a name will link your child's survey and identity. Only the researcher, you, and your child will be able to see the data. We will ask your permission if we want to cite your child by name for any reason. Your child's information may be shared with representatives of the University of Maryland, College Park or government authorities if your child or someone else is in danger or if we are required to do so by law. Check Box: I wish to be contacted before my child is cited by name in the future. <input type="checkbox"/>
What are the risks?	There are no known risks to your child if he/she participates.
What are the benefits of this research?	The research will not help you or your child personally. The results will be used to make STARTALK and other language programs better.
Does my child have to participate in this research? May my child stop participating at any time?	No. Your child's participation is voluntary. Your child does not have to participate. If your child decides to not participate in this research, he/she may stop at any time. There is no penalty if your child decides not to participate or stops participating.

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What if I have questions?	<p>The researcher for this project is Dr. Catherine Ingold at the University of Maryland, College Park. If you have questions, contact Dr. Ingold at: National Foreign Language Center The University of Maryland Mail Services Bldg #343 P.O. Box 93 College Park, MD 20742 (301) 405-9698</p> <p>If you have questions about your child's rights as a research subject or wish to report a research-related injury, please contact: Institutional Review Board Office, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 20742; (e-mail) irb@deans.umd.edu; (telephone) 301-405-0678</p> <p>This research has been reviewed according to the University of Maryland, College Park IRB procedures for research involving human subjects.</p>	
Statement of Age of Subject and Consent	<p>Your signature indicates that: you are at least 18 years of age; the research has been explained to you; your questions have been fully answered; and you/your child freely and voluntarily chooses to participate in this research project.</p>	
Signature and Date (Both you AND your child must sign if applicable)	Your Child's Name	
	Parent or Guardian Name (your name)	
	SIGNATURE OF CHILD'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN (Your signature)	
	SIGNATURE OF THE CHILD (if child is 12 years of age or older)	
	DATE	

IRB APPROVED
EXPIRES ON

FEB 8, 2014

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