

Parent/Guardian Informed Consent Agreement for Destination ImagiNation and University of VA Study

Topic	Monkey in Motion	Verbal Torrance Test of Creative Thinking	Cornell Critical Thinking Test – Form X (CCTT-X)
Right to withdraw from the study:	You have the right to withdraw your child from the study at any time without penalty.		
How to withdraw from the study:	<p>If you and/or your child want to withdraw from the study while completing the task, he or she simply needs to tell the task administrator. There is no penalty for withdrawing. If you or your child decide later that you don't want us to use any information we obtained from your child's participation in the study, contact any of the following people:</p> <p>Carolyn Callahan, Commonwealth Professor Dept. of Leadership, Foundations, and Policy 405 Emmett Street, P.O. Box 400277 Charlottesville, VA 22903. Telephone: (434) 924-0791</p>	<p>If your child wants to withdraw from the study, he or she may tell the individual administering the test and the child will be excused. There is no penalty for withdrawing. If you would like to withdraw after his/her test materials have been submitted, please contact any of the following people:</p> <p>Holly Herberg-Davis, Asst. Professor Dept. of Leadership, Foundations, and Policy 405 Emmett Street, P.O. Box 400277 Charlottesville, VA 22903. Telephone: (434) 924-0942</p>	<p>Tracy Missett, Graduate Research Asst. Dept. of Leadership, Foundations, and Policy 405 Emmett Street, P.O. Box 400277 Charlottesville, VA 22903. Telephone: (434) 924-4557</p>
Payment:	<p>You or your child will receive no payment for participating in the study. However, up to 200-250 students will participate in the Monkey in Motion task, VTTC and/or the CCTT-X tests as part of the study, and each of those students will be entered into a lottery for a prize worth \$50.00. Ten winning names will be drawn from the total sample of approximately 200-250 students. That means you have a one in twenty chance of winning the lottery and receiving a \$50.00 prize</p>		
If you have questions about any of the 3 tests in this study, contact:	<p>Carolyn Callahan, Commonwealth Professor Dept. of Leadership, Foundations, and Policy 405 Emmett Street, P.O. Box 400277 Charlottesville, VA 22903. Telephone: (434) 924-0791</p>	<p>Holly Herberg-Davis, Asst. Professor Dept. of Leadership, Foundations, and Policy 405 Emmett Street, P.O. Box 400277 Charlottesville, VA 22903. Telephone: (434) 924-0942</p>	<p>Tracy Missett, Graduate Research Asst. Dept. of Leadership, Foundations, and Policy 405 Emmett Street, P.O. Box 400277 Charlottesville, VA 22903. Telephone: (434) 924-4557</p>
Agreement:	I agree to allow my child to participate in the research study described above.		
Print Name once:			
Signature for each test:			
Date signed:			
Print Child's Name:	School name:		
Child information:	Year of Birth	1995 ___ 1996 ___ 1997 ___ 1998 ___ 1999	Has your child participated in DI? Yes ___ No ___
Parent e-mail address:	Please print email clearly since this email used to send results to the parents for VTTC and CCTT-X.		

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Please read this consent agreement carefully before you decide to participate in the study.

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Purpose of the research study:	The purpose of the study is to evaluate the purposes, goals, structure, operation and effectiveness of Destination ImagiNation (DI), a non-profit, volunteer-driven educational program that teaches creativity, teamwork, and problem solving to participants. The specific research question relevant to this consent/assent is: does participation in the activities and tournaments provided by DI contribute to the development of creative thinking skills in the students who participate in those activities and tournaments?		
What your child will do in the study:	Your child will be administered the Monkey in Motion Creative Problem Solving Task. In this task, your child, as part of a team of children who have participated in DI, or as part of a comparison team of children who have not participated in DI, will participate in a creative problem solving activity in which he/she will be instructed to devise a means of propelling a small plastic monkey along a string suspended between two chairs. Your child can skip any part of this task that makes him/her uncomfortable and your child can stop the task at any time.	Your child will be administered the Verbal Torrance Test of Creative Thinking (TTCT): Thinking Creatively With Words as either a child who has participated in DI, or as a comparison participant who has not participated in DI. The TTCT is a test that asks 6 questions and gives the test taker a chance to come up with many answers to the questions, give detailed answers to the questions, or provide original answers to the questions.	Your child will be administered the Cornell Critical Thinking Test – Form X (CCTT-X) as either a child who has participated in DI activities or tournaments, or as a comparison participant who has not participated in DI activities or tournaments. The CCTT-X is a test that asks for answers to several questions that measure critical thinking ability.
Time required:	The study will require about 20 minutes of your child's time.	This part of the study will require about 45 minutes of your child's time	This part of the study will require about 50-60 minutes of your child's time.
Risks:	There are no anticipated risks in this study		
Benefits:	There may be no direct benefits to you or your child for participating in this research study. However, up to 200-250 students will participate in the Monkey in Motion task, VTTC and/or the CCTT-X tests as part of the study, and each of those students will be entered into a lottery for a prize worth \$50.00. Ten winning names will be drawn from the total sample of approximately 200-250 students. That means you have a one in twenty chance of winning the lottery and receiving a \$50.00 prize. The study may help us understand the effectiveness of the DI program on the development of creativity, problem solving, team building, and critical thinking skills, as well as the level of enjoyment participants have as a result of their participation in DI.		
Confidentiality:	The information we obtain from your child in the study will be anonymous. Your child's name will not be linked to the data. Because of the nature of the data, it may be possible to deduce your child's identity; however, there will be no attempt to do so and the data will be reported in a way that will not identify you and/or your child.	Parents will also receive their child's scores on the TTCT.	Parents will also receive their child's scores on the CCTT-X.
Voluntary participation:	Your child's participation in the study is completely voluntary.		