

***Parent/Guardian Consent Form***  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
Study of Restorative Justice and PBIS in MCPS  
Parent/Guardian Consent Form for Student Participation

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has partnered with RAND Corporation (RAND) to conduct a study, sponsored by the National Institutes of Justice (NIJ), of school behavior management strategies, specifically restorative justice and positive behavioral intervention supports (PBIS). RAND will collect student perspectives using three surveys as well as observations throughout this three-year evaluation cycle.

RAND will not release any information that identifies your child to NIJ or anyone outside of the study team. RAND's reports will not name any individuals that participated in the study. In public reporting of research findings, only group data will be reported. At no time will a public report identify an individual student in any way. Personally identifiable information will not be shared with teachers, school staff, RAND, or anyone outside of the MCPS research team. Your decision will have no impact on your child's grades, school records, or any other educational outcome.

As part of this study, students will be invited to participate in online surveys and may be observed if participating in a conflict resolution event. Below is a brief description of each activity:

- Online Surveys: brief surveys to gain student perspective relative to school climate, bullying, conflict resolution, and behavioral management.
  
- Observations of community building activities: observation of activities such as community circles (for Restorative Justice schools), rules development activities (for PBIS schools), and similar group events.

In addition, MCPS will share the de-identified student demographic, academic, and disciplinary information with RAND for this study.

Information gathered for this study will only be used for research purposes. Survey and event observation participation is entirely voluntary and may be terminated by you or your child at any time.

If you have questions about the intervention or MCPS' involvement, or your child's rights as a participant you may contact Ms. Ruschelle Reuben, director, Restorative Justice, School Counseling and Student Leadership at [Ruschelle\\_Reuben@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ruschelle_Reuben@mcpsmd.org), 240-740-3951. If you have any questions or concerns about the study or your child's rights as a research participant, you may also contact the Human Subjects Protection Committee at RAND: 866-697-5620 or [hspcinfo@rand.org](mailto:hspcinfo@rand.org). If possible, when you contact the Committee, please reference Study #2017-1030. These data collection protocols are in compliance with the Protection of Pupil Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232h ("PPRA"). Further, the PPRA assures you the right to review a copy of the questions asked or of materials that will be used with your child. If you have questions about the study or you would like a copy of the survey, you may contact Dr. Becki Herman, Senior Policy Researcher at the RAND Corporation ([bherman@rand.org](mailto:bherman@rand.org), 703-413-1100 x5468).

Please complete and sign below if you agree to allow your child to participate in the Study of PBIS and Restorative Justice in MCPS.

Check ONE box below:

- Yes, I agree to allow my child to participate in surveys and observations for the Study of Restorative Justice and PBIS in MCPS.
- No, I do not consent for my child to participate in surveys and observations for the Study of Restorative Justice and PBIS in MCPS.

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(Child's Name) – Please Print

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(Parent/Guardian Name) – Please Print

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(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)