

INFORMED CONSENT

Evaluation of West Virginia Learn and Serve Project

Please sign, date, and write in your child's name.

My name is Larry White and I am Lead Researcher for the Office of Research and Evaluation with the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) in Charleston, West Virginia. WVDE is conducting the statewide evaluation of the *West Virginia Learn and Serve* (WVL&S) project, which involves teachers and students from the schools throughout the state.

In order to fully measure the success of the project in meeting its three objectives, we need to gather data from participants in a variety of ways. For example, all students and teachers trained in service learning would be given a Service Learning Survey to complete. Similarly, all students involved in HI-Y training would be given a Judicial Legislative, and/or United Nations knowledge assessment to complete. The surveys and assessments will be administered using paper instructions, and each should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. Completed surveys and assessments will not be shared with Learn and Serve project staff, and will only be reported at an aggregated level in reports, papers, or similar formats. No names or identification codes are put on the surveys, so answers are and will remain anonymous.

All data will be seen only by the WVDE staff members named above and such data will be stored in a secure location at WVDE for five years.

If you have any questions about this evaluation effort or protection of subject's rights, please contact me by phone (304-558-2546) ext. 53419 or e-mail me lwhite@access.k12.wv.us.

Parent's Statement:

My signature on this form indicates my understanding of the study and my willingness for my child to participate:

_____ (please print child's name)

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

WVDE researcher signature: _____ Date: _____

Delegation (HI-Y/YMCA name): _____

Please return this signed form at your earliest convenience to your Delegation Leader.