

PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parent or Guardian:

STEMpact2020, a city network partner of US2020, is an organization dedicated to advancing science, technology, engineering, and math (often called “STEM” for short) education. STEMpact2020 provides mentors in order to increase students’ access to STEM careers, with a focus on girls, underrepresented minorities, and low-income children. STEMpact2020, an initiative of Wichita State University, is collecting data for an evaluation in collaboration with US2020.

What am I being asked to do?

You are being asked to give permission for your child to complete the STEMpact2020 survey. Your child’s participation is up to you and your child and is completely voluntary. Ask any questions before you give permission for your child to take the survey. If you give permission for your child to participate, we will ask your child to volunteer to take part as well.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be asked to take a **15-20-minute survey** during the school day or an afterschool activity. The evaluation will focus on student’s potential interest in pursuing STEM careers and their interest and engagement in school. The survey also asks for some background information such as race, gender, and age. The survey will be completed during the school year.

Taking the survey is up to you and your child

Participation in the surveys is voluntary and may stop at any time. No one can make your child take the survey. If you do not give permission or your child does not want to be in the survey, it won’t hurt your child’s grades or the activities they can participate in during or after school. Your child can also say yes and change his/her mind or skip any of the questions on the survey. If your child does not want to finish the survey, he/she may give it back to the teacher in the classroom.

Will my child’s information be kept private?

All data collected will be kept confidential and will only be shared with STEMpact2020 and the US2020 national office. **Other than those two organizations, data will only be reported to others as group or summary level data.** Research findings from this project will be reported to the public in a general way; **at no time will any student be identified in any way.**

What are the benefits and risks of taking the survey?

There are no direct benefits or risks to your child for completing the survey. However, the survey findings will help figure out if STEMpact2020 activities support young people in understanding and becoming interested in STEM related careers.

Additional Information

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Alex Petersen at alex.petersen@wichita.edu. If you have questions or concerns about yours or your child’s rights as a participant in this evaluation or feel your child has been harmed by taking the survey, you may contact Dana Gonzales, our Institutional Review Board contact, at 855-226-4472 (toll free) or participants@solutionsirb.com.

Please CHECK THE BOX below that indicates if your child can participate in the survey if he or she agrees. If I had any questions, they have been answered and I understand what my child is being asked to do.

- Yes, my child can participate in the STEMpact2020 survey project.
- No, my child can NOT participate in the STEMpact2020 survey project.

Child’s First and Last Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Name of Program Child Attends: _____ Grade Level: _____

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

STUDENT CONSENT

Dear Student:

STEMpact2020, a city network partner of US2020 is conducting this survey to help us learn about who gets involved in STEMpact2020 activities and what activities are good for youth. You were chosen to participate in the survey because you participated in STEMpact2020 programs this semester.

What am I being asked to do?

We are inviting you and other youth to complete a 15-20-minute survey. There are questions on the survey about your participation in activities related to STEMpact2020, your background, and how you are doing in school. There are no right or wrong answers and you can leave any question blank that you do not want to answer. You can also stop taking the survey at any time, without getting in trouble.

Taking the Survey is your choice

Your parents have given permission for you to complete the survey, but that does not mean you have to take it. If you do not want to take the survey, it will not change your school grades or the activities you participate in at or after school. If you do not want to take the survey, let your teacher know. Your teacher will give you something else to do. It is possible that you might feel upset by some of the questions. If you do feel upset and want to talk to someone about it, contact your school counselor.

Your Information will be kept private

Your answers will be kept private. Your answers will not be shared with your parents or anyone else except people who work on this project at Wichita Public Schools, STEMpact2020 and US2020. When STEMpact2020 receives your survey, they will take your name off so that it will not be connected with your answers or be used in any reports. No one else but the team who works on the project will see your survey answers.

What are the benefits and risks of taking the survey?

There are no direct benefits or major risks to you by completing the survey. However, your answers will be used to improve STEMpact2020 activities in your school.

If you have questions, please call Alex Petersen at alex.petersen@wichita.edu. If you have questions or concerns about the survey, you may contact Dana Gonzales, our Institutional Review Board contact, at 855-226-4472 (toll free) or participants@solutionsirb.com.

Please check the box below that indicates if you will participate in the survey project.

If I had any questions, they have been answered and I understand what I am being asked to do.

- Yes, I want to participate in the STEMpact2020 survey.
- No, I do not want to participate in the STEMpact2020 survey.

First and Last Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____