

## Parental Permission Slip

I agree to allow my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to take part in a research study titled, ““Are High School Students Still Interested in a Career in Journalism?””, which is being conducted by Ms. Amy Sindik and Mr. Joe Dennis, from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia (706-542-5022), under the direction of Dr. Kent Middleton (706-542-5034). I do not have to allow my child to be in this study if I do not want to. My child can refuse to participate or stop taking part at any time without giving any reason, and without penalty or loss of benefits to which she/he is otherwise entitled. I can ask to have the information related to my child returned to me, removed from the research records, or destroyed.

The reason for the study is to examine interest in college journalism programs and media use patterns of high school students.

- Children who take part may become more aware from what they want from a college journalism program and aware of their own media consumption habits. The researchers also hope to learn something that may help educators and industry practitioners improve ways to interest teens in journalism programs.
- If I allow my child to take part, my child will be asked to take a 10-15 minute online survey asking questions about their interest in journalism as a college major and their media use.
- The research is not expected to cause any harm or discomfort. My child can quit at any time. The survey is conducted on a secure server through [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com). All data is encrypted to third parties.
- Any individually identifiable information collected about my child will be held confidential unless otherwise required by law. My child’s identity will be coded, with his/her name being removed from the data. All data will be kept in a secured location. Internet communications are insecure and there is a limit to the confidentiality that can be guaranteed due to the technology itself. However, once the materials are received by the researcher, standard confidentiality procedures will be employed; we will store them in a locked cabinet in the GSPA office and destroy any contact information that we have by June 30, 2011.
- The researcher will answer any questions about the research, now or during the course of the project, and can be reached by telephone at: 706-542-5022. I may also contact the professor supervising the research, Dr. Kent Middleton, Grady College of Journalism at 706-542-5034.

I understand the study procedures described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to allow my child to take part in the study. I have been given a copy of this form to keep.

**Name of researcher**  
Joe Dennis

**Signature**



**Date**  
April 6, 2010

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706-542-5022

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**Name of parent or guardian**

**Signature**

**Date**

Please sign both copies, keep one and return one to the researcher.

Additional questions or problems regarding your child’s rights as a research participant should be addressed to The Chairperson, Institutional Review Board, University of Georgia, 612 Boyd Graduate Studies Research Center, Athens, Georgia 30602-7411; Telephone (706)-542-3199; Email address [IRB@uga.edu](mailto:IRB@uga.edu).

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