

■ EXHIBIT 4.5 Example of a Passive Consent Form

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

I am a faculty member in the Education Department at Excel University. I am interested in finding the best method of teaching mathematical concepts. To identify the best method, I am planning a study that will compare two different methods of teaching mathematical concepts. Both teaching methods are acceptable and standard methods of teaching these concepts, but we do not know which is the more effective method. My research will identify the more effective method.

To identify the more effective method, during the next six weeks I will be presenting material in two different ways to separate classes. To test the effectiveness of each method, I will measure students' performance by giving them a standard math test.

Your child's responses will remain confidential and will be seen only by myself and my research assistant.

No reports about this study will contain your child's name. I will not release any information about your child without your permission.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. All students in the class will take the test. If you do **not** wish your child to be in this study, please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to me. Also, please tell your child to hand in a blank test sheet when the class is given the mathematics test so that your child will not be included in this study.

I will also ask the children to participate and tell them to hand in a blank test sheet if they do not want to be included in the study. Your child may choose to stop and not participate at any time.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact professor John Doe, Excel University, Department of Education, Good Place, Al. 12345, phone 251-246-8102. You may also contact me at [provide address and phone number].

Thank you.

Tom Thumb

Return this portion only if you do not want your child to participate in the study described above.

I do not wish for my child _____ to be in the research study on the teaching of math concepts being conducted in his/her classroom.

Parent's Signature

Date