

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE:

The Algebraic Interventions for Measured Achievement (AIMA) project, with funding from the US Department of Education's Institute for Educational Sciences, is an algebra intervention curriculum that helps students better understand specific math concepts that are essential to their success in algebra. Researchers from WestEd will collect information on how well the program helps students learn these essential concepts.

I understand that participation in the AIMA randomized trial includes completion of the following activities:

- Preparation for the teacher's role in the trials by participating in a one-day, in person orientation meeting to gain familiarity with the materials and how to implement them in the classroom.
- Sending home information sheets, collect signed sheets from students whose parents decline to allow their student to participate, and provide those sheets to WestEd,
- Be randomly assigned to one of two treatment groups, teaching one module of AIMA materials and covering the learning objectives of the second module with my own existing materials.
 - Administering a pre-test and post-test to each student for the treatment module,
 - Completing feedback forms on the quality and utility of the curriculum and facilitator guides,
 - Administering the AIMA pre-test and post-test around the control content.
- Schedule one site visit with a study researcher who will observe the implementation of the treatment module in your classroom.

I understand that the study will take place during the Fall semester of the 2010-11 school year, and that I will receive a stipend totaling \$500 upon completion of all project activities. (\$250 upon completion of the treatment module, and \$250 upon completion of the control materials.)

If you have questions about this study, you may contact Kimberly Viviani by phone at 877.4.WestEd (877.493.7833), x6429 or via email at kviviani@wested.org.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your rights as a research subject, you may contact the WestEd IRB at 877.4.WestEd (877.493.7833), x3202 or subjects@wested.org.

Please return signed consent form to: Michelle Tiu, c/o WestEd, 400 Seaport Court, Suite 222, Redwood City, CA 94063 or by FAX at 650.381.6401, attn: Michelle Tiu

<p>Purpose. This study will allow researchers to study the effectiveness of the modules in the Aim for Algebra (AIMA) curriculum and revise the materials based on teacher feedback.</p>	<p>The key that links the study ID number to your name will be stored on a secure database on a server in WestEd's Redwood City office to which researchers do not have access, and destroyed at the end of the study. The information will be used for research purposes only, and no information will allow you to be identified or connected to the information provided or in reports on the trial's outcome. The researchers want to know if the curriculum is working well; they are not evaluating you or your performance.</p>
<p>Participation is voluntary. Participation in the study is voluntary. Whether or not you choose to take part will have no bearing on your standing or employment at your school. You have the right to withdraw at any time and may do so without penalty.</p>	<p>Risks/benefits. There are no foreseeable risks of physical, psychological, or social harm to you from participation in these trials, nor are there foreseeable benefits beyond the training and compensation listed below. Your participation will help gauge the effectiveness of the assessments.</p>
<p>All information is confidential. Your name will not be associated with your students' assessment results or feedback. All information will be coded with random study ID numbers before being studied or analyzed by researchers.</p>	

Please sign and return the consent form below to participate in the classroom study.
You may keep the first page of this form for your reference.

Teacher's consent to participate:

I have read this consent form, and I consent to take part in the AIMA randomized study. I agree to all required project activities as described above.

I give WestEd permission to use data gathered from myself and from my students over the course of the study for the evaluation of the AIMA curriculum materials. I understand that all information will be kept confidential and that only fictitious names will be used in all publications of the results of the study.

Teacher's signature

Date

Teacher's name (PLEASE PRINT)

School name

Email address (where you can be reached this summer)

Phone number (summer)

Email address (where you can be reached during the school year)

Phone number (school year)

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