



Release Form for ScienceQuest Parents

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Education Development Center, Inc. ("EDC") is a non-profit research and development organization located in Newton, MA, specializing in the development of educational materials and programs.

EDC, through its Center for Education, Employment, and Community, and its Center for Family, School, and Community, is working on the ScienceQuest project, a project funded by the National Science Foundation. The purpose of the ScienceQuest project is to bring science and technology projects to community centers for middle school students who will work with volunteer coaches to explore topics of their interest and document their findings in a website.

We invite your child to participate in the project from _____ through _____. This release covers activities held at any time when the ScienceQuest team is working on ScienceQuest, such as at the computer learning center ("CLC"), in the neighborhood of the CLC, or on fieldtrips related to ScienceQuest.

EDC would like your permission to interview your child, take photographs of your child, and to video/audio tape your child as part of your child's participation in EDC's ScienceQuest project. EDC would also like your permission to use your child's name with any photograph, videotape, or statement made by your child verbally or on the ScienceQuest listserv, bulletin board or via email.

EDC plans to use video/audio tapes, photographs and statements of your child and those of other participants primarily for purposes of reviewing these activities. In addition, the information, photographs, and video/audio tapes EDC gathers during these activities may be presented at conferences or appear in published reports or be distributed through the World Wide Web or other broadcast media.

Please review the Privacy Policy (on the reverse) which is also published at www.edc.org/ScienceQuest. By signing this release form, you are acknowledging that you have read this policy. If you have any questions about the ScienceQuest project or this Permission Form, please feel free to contact Jennifer Dorsen, Project Director at (617) 618-2686.

I have read the whole Release Form and Privacy Policy. By signing this Release Form, I grant EDC my permission to use photographs, video/audio tapes of my child, statements (either verbal or written) made by my child, and/or my child's name in the ScienceQuest project as described above.

I am the parent/ guardian of _____ (print child's name)

My name is _____ (print your name)

My signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Name of CLC where your child participates in ScienceQuest _____



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Children's Privacy Policy for EDC's ScienceQuest Project

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act requires that children under the age of 13 must secure parental consent before submitting personal information to any web site. When students participate in ScienceQuest's web site-building activities through a school, after school program, local technology center or other groups, we ask the program coordinators to let us know the ages of the students and we require parental consent forms for all students under 13 years of age.

If you have questions about our privacy policy, please contact the program coordinator where your child participates or Jennifer Dorsen, Project Director, at (617) 618-2686 or [at Jdorsen@edc.org](mailto:Jdorsen@edc.org)

Type of Information Collected

EDC will not electronically ask for any personal information from children who participate in the project other than the address of the child's web site. Parents are advised, however, that it is possible that children will divulge additional personal information by posting such material on their web sites or during the course of normal correspondence between students, volunteers, and coordinators.

How Information Is Used

The information that is posted on the child's web site is located on the World Wide Web, and so may be viewed by anyone with Internet access. The information posted may also be used within the ScienceQuest project for educational purposes and may be shared among the participants in the ScienceQuest project, project staff, program coordinators, and volunteers working on the project. We ask program coordinators and volunteers to keep children's contact information private.

Parental Rights

The parents of any child participating in the ScienceQuest project may review their child's web site and any personal information we may have collected at any time. Parents may ask in writing to have any information on the child's web site deleted and may refuse to allow any further collection or use of their child's information by contacting the ScienceQuest staff in writing (see Contact Information above).