



Project VITAL Study Participation Agreement

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On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education and the VITAL project partners, we are very happy to have you participate in the evaluation of VITAL materials. In order for us to collect the data needed to complete the study, we need a written commitment from you to participate in all data collection activities (outlined below and in previous materials). Please read the following agreement carefully and then sign and date this form to confirm your participation. Once the form is complete, please return this sheet to Hezel Associates at the address below. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-466-3512 or email Bryan Ford (bryan@hezel.com).

Statement of Agreement

I agree to participate in the study of Project VITAL's video-based instructional materials. I understand that I will be assigned at random to either a treatment or comparison group, and that teachers in the treatment group will receive access to the VITAL materials and associated training during the 2006-07 school year, whereas teachers in the comparison group will not receive access to the materials or training until the materials are deployed statewide for the 2007-2008 school year.

I understand that data collection for all teachers will take place between September 2006 and May 2007, which will require me to: (a) complete 4 brief surveys, (b) submit a log of one lesson's activities each month for a total of 9 logs, (c) post a response each month to one lesson log completed by another teacher in the study for a total of 9 responses, and (d) provide the State's unique student identifier for each student in my class. Additionally, if I am in the treatment group, I understand that I will also be required to (e) attend 4 hours of training during the fall of 2006 and (f) use the VITAL materials in my instruction.

If I am in the treatment group (receiving VITAL instructional materials), I will receive \$500¹ for my participation, while if I am in the comparison group (not receiving VITAL materials), I will receive \$300. I understand that only participants who commit to the full study and submit all requested materials will receive compensation. I further understand that data from the study will be aggregated so that my identity and my students' identities will not appear in any reports or other materials generated from the study.

Signature _____

Date _____

Contact Information (please print)

District Name: _____

Name: _____

School Name: _____

Home address : _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Preferred email (checked regularly during the summer of 2006): _____

Preferred method of communication: US Mail Email

Grade level you will be teaching during the 2006-07 school year: 4th grade 5th grade

Subject you are teaching during the 2006-07 school year: Self-contained (including Math and/or ELA)
 Math only ELA only

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¹ Teachers in the treatment group will receive three payments¹ (\$150, \$150 and \$200 for treatment teachers, \$100 each for comparison teachers) – the first in November 2006, the second in April 2007² and the third in June 2007.