

DRAFT Permission form for Human DNA Experiments

PRINT ON YOUR LETTERHEAD

During the laboratory that is scheduled to take place at _____ on _____, your child will have the opportunity to conduct an experiment with his/her own DNA. DNA samples will be collected from cheek cells that normally exist in saliva. Students will simply swish their mouth with a saline solution and spit the sample into a cup. The DNA samples that are extracted from these cells will be amplified and examined for specific DNA markers, which may vary from person to person. Please be assured the DNA markers we will examine play no known role in an individual's health nor do they have any relationship to physical traits or characteristics. These markers are chosen because they are benign, and are found in the non-coding portion of the human genome. Alternately, strands of hair (removed by the students themselves) may be used. Student DNA samples will be destroyed after completing the experiment.

There is a consensus that human DNA samples should not be obtained without the willing consent of the donor, who understands the purpose for which it is being collected. Thus, these experiments will be explained clearly beforehand, and students will be given the option to refrain from participating.

Please sign below indicating authorization for your child's participation in this experiment. All participants must present a permission slip before taking part in this laboratory.

Name of Student
please print

Name of Teacher
please print

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian
please print

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date