



Join the Challenger Student Connection!

Be part of the legacy of Challenger! The loss of the Challenger crew resulted in the establishment of Challenger Learning Centers. The Challenger Learning Center of Colorado wants you to become an interactive, long-term participant in our programs. Based on popular demand, we are starting a STEM Club. As a STEM Club member, you will receive event notifications, discounts on public programs and summer camps, invitations to special events, our newsletter, and we will be seeking your feedback all along the way. This is your chance to help shape our programs to better fit your needs and the many students who follow you as Challenger participants.

Now we would like to hear from you! With your parents' approval, please submit your email address so we can send you surveys and updates from the Challenger Learning Center and our partners. When we receive your email address and each time you respond to a survey, your name will be **entered into a drawing to receive a mini iPad**. The first drawing will be held on June 20th, 2014.

Please return this completed form to:

Challenger Learning Center of Colorado
Challenger Student Connection
10215 Lexington Dr. Suite 110
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

OR

heather@clccs.org

If emailing, be sure to attach a legible copy of the form

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Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Email _____ School _____

Student ID Number (from School) _____

I have read the attached letter and give Challenger Learning Center permission to collect information and opinions from my son/daughter relating to his/her interest in science, technology, engineering, and math and their participation in extracurricular activities. I understand that I may withdraw my permission at any time.

Student Name (print)

Student Signature _____ Date

Parent or Guardian (print)

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date

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Parent Permission Form



The Challenger Student Connection is a research project funded by the United States Air Force Academy designed to monitor how student interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) changes over time and how it might be related to their participation in formal and informal learning opportunities.

Because the Challenger Learning Center of Colorado leads a regional consortium of partners involved in STEM teaching and learning, it makes sense to have Challenger collect data on how student interest and participation in STEM related fields evolves over time.

We are asking for your permission to allow your son or daughter to participate in this longitudinal study of approximately 1,500 students. If he or she participates, their email address will be added to our database (along with a unique identification number). They will receive invitations, via email, to respond to our surveys sent out bi-annually. They will also receive notices for upcoming STEM events, discounts on public programs and summer camps, invitations to special events, and our newsletter.

We will track your child's responses to survey questions and monitor how often and how many STEM activities in which they participate. If your child's school agrees to participate, we will use his or her state test data (identified by a unique ID number – **we will not** be provided his or her actual name), to study the relationship between STEM activities and state test scores. Participation can be terminated at any time but our goal is to survey your child through high school graduation.

Very few risks are associated with this study. One original (password protected) file with your child's name and assigned identification number will be kept in a locked cabinet at Challenger. This file will be the **ONLY** document that contains your child's identifying information. All surveys and future communications will be associated **ONLY** with your child's unique identification number – nobody will have access to personally identifying information except for the lead staff at the Challenger Learning Center. Since surveys will be sent online, it is important to protect your child's anonymity, therefore, your child's name or personal information (home address; phone number; etc.) will never be shared nor used when corresponding online.

There is not cost for participating in this study. By participating, however, your child will be entered into an annual drawing to receive a thank-you gift. For example, this year's drawing will result in an award of a mini-iPad to one lucky survey respondent in June.

Please know that the questions we will ask are not intrusive. They may change on occasion but will consist of questions similar to those attached (used in the first survey). However, if you or your child no longer want to participate in this longitudinal study you can withdraw at any time.

We hope that you will consider allowing your child to participate. If you have any questions about the study, please contact Ms. Tracey Tomme at 719-598-9755 or ttomme@clccs.org. If you have any questions about the research study or questions regarding your child's rights as a study participant, please contact Dr. Lindy Crawford at 817-257-4645 or lindy.crawford@tcu.edu.

Your signature below indicates that you have read or been read the information provided above, you have received answers to all of your questions and have been told who to call if you have any more questions, you have freely allowed your child to participate in this research, and you understand that you are not giving up any of your legal rights.

Child's Name (please print): _____ **Date of birth:** _____

Parent's Name (please print): _____

Parent's email : _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____