



PROSPECTIVE AGREEMENT/CONSENT FOR:

A Retrospective Examination of Associations Between Participation in Free School Meal Programs and Sense of Belonging

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You are being asked to be a participant in a research study.

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this study is to determine whether free/reduced meal programs at school impacted students' sense of belonging during their K-12 schooling.

What will you have to do if you agree to be in the study?

If you agree to be in this study, your part will involve: (provide full detail regarding all research procedures the participant will undergo if consent is provided).

- Answer questions regarding your involvement in a free/reduced meal program during your K-12 schooling experience.
- Complete the Psychological Sense of School Membership Scale (Goodenow, 1993) which asks questions regarding your overall belonging. You will be asked to fill out the scale in relation to your experiences of belonging in the years in which you participated in a free/reduced meal program.
- Answer other questions regarding your sense of belonging when you participated in a free/reduced meal program.
- Answer questions regarding your feelings about the free/reduced meal program at your school.
- Answer demographic questions.
- This is a one-time online survey that will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Are there any possible risks to you because you are in this study?

It is possible that answering questions about belonging may make some people feel upset. We will provide a list of mental health resources that you may access if you choose.



Are there any possible benefits to you because you are in this study?

There is no direct benefit to you by participating in this study. The results of this study will indirectly benefit the scientific field by adding new information about the topic being studied.

Will you be paid as a research participant?

Yes, you will be paid \$5 for completion of the study. You will receive a \$5 e-Gift card to your choice of either Amazon.com or Walmart distributed through email. After you have finished completing the survey questions, you will be prompted to enter your email address to receive the e-Gift card. Your email address will not be linked to any of your previous survey responses.

How will your study information be protected?

Neither IP addresses nor any other identifiable information will be collected.

Important Contact Information

Please contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Rhiannon Smith (using the contact information on page one) if you have any questions about the study, or if you believe you have experienced harm or injury because of being in this study.

In addition, for any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the UConn IRB Office at irb@uconn.edu or at (860) 486-8802.

Your participation is voluntary

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. You may decide not to participate at all or, if you start the study, you may withdraw at any time without any penalty. Withdrawal or refusing to participate will not affect your relationship with UConn in any way.

Consent Agreement:

If you click the 'I accept' button below, it means that you read this consent form and agreed to participate in this study.