

Research at the Lab School

As a university-based laboratory school, the Lab School not only provides high quality programs for children and their families and preparation for the next generation of professionals, it also serves as a site for research.

Research at the Lab School is conducted by our own staff, by university students under the direction of Lab School administrators, and researchers from other units on campus. This research typically focuses on how young children develop, learn and grow; curriculum, materials and teaching approaches that best support them; how to best support families and to prepare and support effective teachers.

The goal of all research conducted at the Lab School is to share knowledge developed here with other professionals in order to contribute to the quality of early childhood experiences for all young children.

All research conducted in the Lab School is subjected to three forms of review before you or your child would participate in a study:

1. The UD Institutional Review Board (IRB) evaluates each research proposals against federal requirements in order to assure that research conducted at the university protects participants from any harm and assures participants' confidentiality
2. Lab School administrators then review IRB approved research proposals requesting participation of Lab School children, families or staff members to assure that, in addition to protecting participants in the research, the proposed procedures do not negatively impact anyone in the Lab School and do not unduly disrupt our educational programs.
3. If a research proposal is approved by UD IRB and Lab School administrators, families are provided with a description of the proposed research and are given the option to give consent to participate in the research or to choose not to participate.

Your signature below indicates that you are aware that research is conducted in The Lab School and that you understand that you will be informed of approved research studies and given the option to participate or not.

Your child's name: _____

Your child's teacher: _____

Your signature: _____

Date : _____

Photos, Video, Digital Content and Social Media Use at the Lab School

The Lab School regularly documents work in our classrooms with photos and videos. We use this documentation to record evidence of children's development and to communicate with families. We also may use it when we teach our college students about curriculum and teaching, conference presentation, publications, or to advertise our programs.

As needed, the Lab School provides college students with remote education. This instruction takes place via online applications i.e. Zoom. Students may log in to observe live streaming of sessions that take place at the Lab School or virtually. These observations are used by the students to expand their knowledge and complete assignments. Sessions may be recorded to be used as a teaching tool or as an opportunity for teaching teams to learn about and reflect on their practices. Any recorded sessions will be safely protected and deleted once they are no longer needed. College students logging in to our sessions will be required to sign a form prohibiting them from using or sharing any photos or videos under any circumstances.

Please know that we do not permit any other uses of your child's image. In no case is a child identified by full name. In most cases, no names or pseudonyms are used.

The University of Delaware requires all units on campus that use photos and video recordings in their work to have the attached Minor Model Release document signed and kept on file. In some cases, families may give consent for some rather than all uses of photo or video. For example, if you do not wish to have your child's image posted on the Lab School's webpage or Facebook page, please add special notes at the bottom of this form.

Your child's name: _____

Your child's teacher: _____

Your signature: _____

Date: _____

Special Notes: _____

Minor Model Release
University of Delaware - Photo Services, Digital Content and Social Media

I, as parent or guardian of the minor identified below, hereby grant the University of Delaware, the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission to use, reproduce, publicly display and publish any photographic or videographic images taken of me and/or the minor, and all derivative works thereof, including any likeness or image, in conjunction with my or the minor's name, in print, electronic and all other media, for illustration, promotion, art, publicity, advertising or any other purpose. This grant further applies to all copyrightable works created in whole or in part by me or the minor, and extends to the University of Delaware, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, and all persons acting under its permission or authority (collectively, the "University").

I understand that the images of me, the minor and/or the copyrightable works may be incorporated into other works and may be protectable by copyright, and I agree that any copyright in same shall be the sole property of the University.

I hereby waive any right that the minor or I may have to inspect or approve any materials that may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be put.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the University from all liability in connection with any such activities and materials, as well as any publication thereof, including with respect to any claims relating to copyright ownership, publication, privacy and publicity, and any claim for compensation related to any use of such materials.

I hereby warrant that I am of full age and have every right to contract for the minor in the above regard. I state further that I have read the above authorization, release and agreement prior to its execution and that I am fully familiar with the contents hereof.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name of Minor: _____

Address of Minor: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Event/Timeframe (i.e. academic year, camp): _____