

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Search Institute researchers are conducting a study on adapting the Developmental Relationships Framework to fit your child's school's unique strengths and needs. We call this project CADRE, or the Cultural Adaptation of Developmental Relationships in Education. We want to understand how school staff can best meet the needs of all students. You are invited to join other students to share their expertise as part of our research. We ask that you and your child read this form and ask questions before agreeing to participate.

Who is the Search Institute?

Search Institute is a nonprofit organization that conducts research in the fields of education and youth development. Search Institute then translates that research into practical information and tools for schools, youth programs, families, and communities.

About the CADRE Survey

Your child will be asked to complete a survey to learn more about their experiences with teachers (e.g., "My teachers expect me to do my best.") and their school (e.g., "I feel known and valued at this school."). We will also ask them to report on their own skills (e.g., "I can work with other people in a group or team to reach a goal.") We will collect feedback to inform research and development on CADRE. A few things you should know about the survey:

- It will take no longer than 60 minutes.
- It will take place during the school day.
- It is NOT A TEST. There are no right or wrong answers, just your experiences.
- Their responses will be kept CONFIDENTIAL. No one at your school will review their individual responses.
- Their name will NEVER be connected to the information they provide.
- They can skip any questions they do not want to answer. We hope the questions are interesting to them, and that they can choose to answer all of the questions HONESTLY.
- Participation in this research study is VOLUNTARY. They may end your participation at any time.

What are the risks and benefits of participation?

Risks to participating are minimal. Researchers will never share individual information and we will never link that information to your name. The research team will keep this information confidential. We will use the data to understand the impact of student-educator relationships and to improve student experiences in classrooms and schools across the United States. This will be kept confidential.

By participating in CADRE, we will learn about student and teachers relationships in your school and come up with a plan to improve them. This project aims to make every student feel like they belong and have supportive teachers in their school.

They will be told of their right to skip any question they do not want to answer. Compensation for participating in this research is a gift to your school that will go towards an enrichment opportunity for students. Additionally, key overall findings will be shared with families and others who are interested in ensuring that young people have the support they need in their lives.

The value of a study of this kind depends upon the participation of many young people. We hope you will encourage them to participate. In doing so, they will help strengthen the support for youth in their school environment.

If you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete and return the form attached to this letter to their school's front office or principal by [*insert agreed upon date with school district that is at least one week after this is sent out to families*]. If no form is received, they will be invited to participate in the study. If you or your child have any questions, please contact their school administration. Thank you!

Who should I contact if I have questions?

If you or child have questions, please contact Dr. Ross, a research scientist at Search Institute. Dr. Ross's contact information is below.

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CADRE Survey Participation REFUSAL Form

By completing and returning the form below, I am withdrawing my child's participation in The CADRE Survey.

Student's name: (please print)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) signature:

Date
