



CHILD ASSENT INSTRUCTIONS

This form is to be used **ONLY** with children whose parents have returned signed consent forms indicating their children may take the ESSP.

1. Read the following script to individual students or groups of students.
2. Ask each child individually if he/she would like to take the ESSP.
3. Record each child's ESSP ID number (from the Master List) and put a check in the Yes or No column, depending on his/her response.
4. **DO NOT administer the ESSP to any child who says "No."**
Proceed to administer the ESSP Child Form to children who say "Yes."
5. Sign and date completed Child Assent Recording Sheets and store with parent and teacher consents in a locked location. Use as many Recording Sheets as necessary and use a new sheet for each adult who obtains assent and for each new group of students.

Read the following Assent Script to one or more students at a time:

"I would like to ask you to take a questionnaire for children in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Your parent/guardian has given permission for you to take part if you want to. Children answer the questions using a computer. There are questions about your neighborhood, school, friends, families, and your own thoughts and feelings. Your parent or guardian and your teacher will also answer some questions. Information from all of you will be used to make a summary of how things are going for you.

There are no wrong or right answers and your answers will not be graded. The summary of your answers will only be known to you, your family, school staff, and the people who made the questionnaire. The people making the questionnaire, though, will not know your name or who you are.

Do you have any questions about this questionnaire or anything I have said so far?

You do not have to take part in testing the questionnaire if you don't want to and you can stop answering questions after you start if you decide you do not want to continue. We hope you will agree to take the ESSP."

Ask each child separately: "Would you like to take the questionnaire now or should I ask you another time?"

Record answers on an Assent Recording Sheet.

