

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am a graduate student at Fitchburg State University who is working towards a Curriculum and Teaching Master's Degree in Education. As part of my degree, I am required to complete an Action Research Project pertaining to Spanish. For my project, I have decided that I want to increase my skill and understanding about foreign language anxiety. Specifically, I want to understand more about how foreign language anxiety effects a student's motivation to learn a foreign language. My goal is to improve my skills in teaching students how to speak Spanish as a foreign language. I expect that this will help your child/the student in my class to be able to speak Spanish with less anxiety and as a result, it will hopefully increase his or her motivation to learn Spanish.

I would like to invite your child to participate in this research activity that I am conducting. I will be implementing more speaking activities into your child's daily routine in Spanish class. At times, I will ask the student to go home and speak Spanish, and sometimes I will even ask them to teach you how to speak in Spanish, as well. Before I begin the research project and after I complete the research project, I will administer a questionnaire and survey to the students to gain some general information about their attitude and level of anxiety related to learning Spanish.

This will involve keeping track of students' responses to surveys and questionnaires in order to collect data about the effect my teaching had on students' level of anxiety over the course of my project. I will also be recording videos of students speaking as evidence for my project. The videos of students speaking will only be used to present my project to my graduate class and to my professor. I will protect your child's identity and privacy by changing their names when I present my project.

Participation in this activity is voluntary. Your child is free to refuse to be interviewed, surveyed, and observed. Your child may change his/her mind about participation in this activity at any time. Your child's standing in my class will not be influenced by agreeing or refusing to participate in any portion of this project. If you have any questions about my plans, please contact me by e-mail at lmonaghan@ashland.k12.ma.us.

If you agree that your child is able to take part in my project, please return a signed copy of this form to me as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I am very excited about the potential of this project to improve students' Spanish-speaking abilities.

Sincerely,



Señorita Lizbeth Monaghan

I give my permission for my child/student, _____
to participate in the Señorita Monaghan's Action Research Project about foreign language anxiety.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____