

INFORMED PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Your child has been selected to take part in a research study conducted by **KIMBERLY DIESTRO** and **ALEXA THERESE SALIBIO, B.S. Computer Science** undergraduates of the **University of the Philippines Visayas, Miag-ao, Iloilo, Philippines**, as part of their Special Problem, entitled **TESS: A Computerized Oral Reading Assessment System for incoming Grade 7 students**. The study, as well as your rights as a participant, are described below.

Description: This study aims to develop a program that could conduct the Slosson Oral Reading Test (SORT) at a larger scale and cater to the specific needs of Iloilo City National High School during enrollment. The test will assess TESS's effectiveness in determining the word recognition abilities of the Grade 7 participants. The students will be reading a word flashed on the screen. TESS, together with a qualified administrator will determine whether or not the student recognized the word correctly. The results taken from both TESS and the administrator do not, in any way affect your child's grades or status in school.

Confidentiality: The student's voice will be recorded for transcription but will not be stored thereafter. Processing of the transcription is done in real-time ensuring that any recordings will be deleted upon the completion of the test. The results of the exam will remain confidential and will only be used in determining the accuracy of TESS in administering the (SORT). Personal information provided by the students will not be published or shared.

I give permission to the researchers to obtain my child's real name in this research and to publish the results of this research:

Signature over Printed Name

Date

I give permission to the researchers to audio record my child's reading during this study. I understand this audio will be used only for research purposes (e.g.

analysis, transcriptions, etc.) and will not be available upon the completion of the test:

Signature over Printed Name

Date

I give permission to the researchers to obtain my child's results (reading level, word recognition remarks, etc.) from taking the Slosson Oral Reading Test with both TESS and the administrator:

Signature over Printed Name

Date

Risks & Benefits: There are no risks to your child's safety. You may opt to be present with your child while they are taking the test. The words used for the test raise no sensitive nor controversial issues and do not contain elements typically frightening to children. The Slosson Oral Reading Test is a tool that has been utilized by Iloilo City National High School in the past. Word recognition is an important aspect of oral reading and exposing students to complex words serves to benefit and improve their reading ability.

Freedom to Withdraw or Refuse Participation: Your child has the right to stop the reading activity any time without prejudice from the investigators.

Questions? Please feel free to ask the investigator any questions before signing the consent form or at any time during or after the study

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INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____ to participate in the research project entitled, **“TESS: A Computerized Oral Reading Assessment System for incoming Grade 7 students.”** The study has been explained to me and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that my child’s right to withdraw or refuse participation will be respected and that his/her responses and identity will be kept confidential. I give this consent voluntarily.

Parent/Guardian:

Signature over Printed Name

Date

Researchers:

Signature over Printed Name

Date

Signature over Printed Name

Date