**Consent Form**

On the behalf of the Department of Psychology, I invite you to be 1 of approximately 100 participants in an experiment that aims to study the effects of supervision on test performance. You are being given this invitation because this topic may be relevant to you as a student, and because the professor of your course, in which your participation is being solicited, is offering extra credit for your participation in psychological research studies. The research will be conducted by J.R. Vela ([jv1187@txstate.edu](mailto:jv1187@txstate.edu); 956-373-3992), an undergraduate with the psychology department, under the guidance of Dr. Crystal Oberle ([oberle@txstate.edu](mailto:oberle@txstate.edu); 512-245-3166).

Participation will include the following steps. First, you will complete a brief participant characteristic survey with five parts: demographic, academic, health, self-evaluation, and attitudes on testing. The first three sections include 20 questions, assessing your basic census information, academic standing, and general health information. The last two sections include 40 questions that will determine your level of anxiety. Completion of the characteristic survey will take approximately 15 minutes. Second, you will read a short passage on mathematical reasoning. This second part of the study will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Finally, you will take a 25 question test over mathematical reasoning including material covered in high school mathematics, college algebra, pre-calculus, and calculus. During this time, I (the supervisor) will be present during the course of the test or be absent. The time allotted to complete the test will be 10 minutes. In total, your participation in this study will take approximately 35 minutes.

From this study, you may gain insight into how much supervision affects your test performance. You will learn if supervision affects your test performance and how you can utilize that to your advantage. Your participation will contribute to ongoing research in educational psychology pertaining to testing performance of students. In addition, extra credit will be given by your professor for participation in this study. The amount of extra credit points will be determined by your professor. If you do not wish to participate but still want to receive equivalent extra credit points, you may choose a segment from a selected article and write a short discussion relating at least two of the following topics: academic performance, supervision, or anxiety. Your discussion should be longer than ½ a page but no longer than one full page.

Participation in this study is absolutely voluntary. You are not obligated to participate (even if you are on the sign up sheet) and may discontinue at any time during the study if you do choose to participate. You also have the right to leave survey questions blank if you deem necessary. These decisions will not jeopardize your standing with the University or your grade in the class which you signed up in.

To protect confidentiality, your name will only appear on the consent form. You will be issued a number for the remainder of the experiment that in no way you can be linked to your name on the consent from. Thus, your identity will be confidential, and your data will be anonymous. The consent forms will be locked up in a cabinet in Dr. Oberle’s office. In the event that this study is published, your name will not be printed and your identity will remain confidential. After five years, all information concerning this study will be disposed of through a paper shredder.

Risks that may be involved in this study may include a mild feeling of anxiety that is considerably less compared to a level one would experience prior to an actual exam, but more than a level normally associated with participation in a research study. Although, these feelings of discomfort will be very short lasting, I must again say that you may discontinue participation in this study at any time if you feel too uncomfortable to continue.

Important questions about the research, your rights as a research participant, and/or research-related injuries should be directed to the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413 or [lasser@txstate.edu](mailto:lasser@txstate.edu)), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102).

A summary of the study’s findings will be provided to you upon completion of the study, if requested. If you are interested in the results of this study, please contact J.R. Vela at [jv1187@txstate.edu](mailto:jv1187@txstate.edu) stating that you would like to receive a summary of results after the completion of the study.

Having read this form and asked any questions you may have had, please sign below if you are at least 18 years of age and if you voluntarily give your consent to participate in this study. A copy of this form will be given to you for your records.

Printed Name of Participant Participant Signature Date

Printed Name of Researcher Researcher Signature Date

IRB Approval #