



**LEAD with GUITARS in STEM Project
Parent's Consent Form**

The LEAD with GUITARS in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Project is a school-approved project that your child may be involved in. Your child’s teacher has been trained through this project that is being implemented by a group of schools and colleges around the United States with Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio as the lead institution. This project involves lessons about the electric guitar (building it or studying parts of it) as part of their classes in science, mathematics, technology, etc. There are about 122 to 150 teachers and about 10,000 to 19,000 students around the United States who will be part of this study. Your child may be asked to participate in online surveys at least twice a year to see if this project is helping them improve their grades and attitudes toward STEM. Your child’s teachers, who are implementing the project-related lessons, may share lesson-related students’ performance results as well as pictures of lesson-related student products. If your child’s school is part of the bigger study, your child may be part of a twice or thrice a year 40-45 minute class observation and 40-45 minute group interviews.

The University of Cincinnati Evaluation Services Center evaluation team, under the leadership of Dr. Imelda Castaneda-Emenaker, has been contracted to help conduct a study to find out how this project works and what the benefits of the project are. Other than the possibility of minimal risk such worries in being part of a class being observed or filling out surveys, there are no real risks involved in this study.

All results of this study will be reported as a group and will not be linked to any names of individual student or any other participant. The information will be kept in a safe place at the University of Cincinnati and will be destroyed three years after the project.

The participation of your child in this study will be very helpful in improving your child’s current and future classes in their school. What your child regularly does in school and their classes will not be affected at all if you sign this form or not. We encourage you to sign this form BUT it is up to you to decide if your child will be or not be part of this study. You don’t have to sign this informed consent if you think it will not be good for your child to be part of the study.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask your child’s teacher or school administrator or contact Dr. Imelda Castañeda-Emenaker at (513) 556-3816 or the University of Cincinnati Institutional Review Board (ITB) at (513) 558-5259. Or, you may call the UC Research Compliance Hotline at (800) 889-1547, or write to the IRB, 300 University Hall, ML 0567, 51 Goodman Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0567, or email the IRB office at irb@ucmail.uc.edu.

PLEASE SIGN this FORM and RETURN to your child’s school.

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Parent’s Name (PRINT)	Parent’s Signature	Date
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Child’s Name (PRINT)	Child’s School	
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Personnel Requesting Consent (PRINT)	Personnel Signature	Date