

AN EFFICACY STUDY OF PROJECT GLAD Information for Potential Teacher Participants

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You are invited to participate in a research study designed to examine the impact of Project GLAD professional development for fifth-grade teachers on the reading, vocabulary, writing and science achievement of their students. The study is being conducted by a research team from Education Northwest, led by Dr. Theresa Deussen; it has been funded by the Institute for Educational Sciences at the U.S. Department of Education.

You have been identified as a possible participant in this study because you teach fifth grade in an Idaho school that serves English language learners, among other students. Your school and district have agreed that you may participate in the study, but you are not required to do so. You will only be considered a participant in this study if you read and sign this informed consent form. Even if you consent to participate, you may later change your mind at any time.

If you decide to participate, you will be randomly assigned to one of two teacher groups. Group 1 will receive Project GLAD professional development in the summer or early fall of 2011, with three sessions of follow-up coaching in both the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. Group 2 will receive Project GLAD professional development later, in the summer or early fall of 2013, and will receive three sessions of follow-up coaching in the 2013-2014 school year. Teachers in both groups will be observed by members of the research team from Education Northwest, will complete surveys one or more times per year, and will administer project assessments to their students. As described in the Informed Consent Agreement, teachers will receive incentives upon completion of the surveys (\$30 each for shorter but more frequent surveys of Group 1, \$60 for longer annual surveys of Group 2 teachers) and return of the student assessments (\$300 worth of trade books for the classroom in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013).

TEACHER INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

I agree to participate in Education Northwest's study of the impact of Project GLAD. I understand that participation means I will be randomly assigned to one of two groups to receive Project GLAD professional development in either 2011 or 2013. I understand that I may not request assignment to one particular group and may not trade assignment with other teachers.

If assigned to Group 1, I agree to participate in a two-day Project GLAD workshop in the summer of 2011 and in the five-day Project GLAD demonstration in the summer or early fall of 2011. I understand that the research study will pay the cost of my participation in the professional development as well as the cost of a substitute for my classroom, if needed. If I live more than 50 miles from the location of the professional development, I understand that Education Northwest will pay for the cost of a hotel.

If assigned to Group 1, I agree to work with a Project GLAD certified trainer in three coaching sessions scheduled over the course of the 2011-2012 and again over the 2012-2013 school year. I understand that my instruction will also be observed during the school year by members of the research team from Education Northwest.

If assigned to Group 1, I will also be asked to complete monthly online surveys asking me about my use of the instructional strategies taught and demonstrated in the Project GLAD professional development. I will receive \$30 for each monthly survey I complete. I may not complete more than one survey in a

month. If I do not complete one survey, I may still complete future surveys, but I will not receive \$30 for the survey I do not complete.

If assigned to Group 2, I understand that I will not receive Project GLAD professional development in 2011 but instead will have the opportunity to participate in the same workshop and demonstration in the summer and early fall of 2013. I will also have the opportunity to work with a Project GLAD certified trainer in three coaching sessions over the 2013-2014 school year.

If assigned to Group 2, I will also be asked twice to complete an annual survey asking me about my use of instructional strategies that are similar to those taught and demonstrated in the Project GLAD professional development. I will receive \$60 for each survey I complete. I may not complete more than one survey in a year. If I do not complete one survey, I may still complete future surveys, but I will not receive \$60 for the survey I do not complete.

I understand that my students will be assessed four times during the course of the study with additional reading and writing assessments: fall 2011, spring 2012, fall 2012, and spring 2013. For my participation, I will receive \$300 worth of trade books for my classroom each year.

There are minor risks associated with participating. It is possible that during the study I might feel my professional time was not well spent on the summer training or other activities, or I might feel uncomfortable with study trainers or other participating teachers, or I might not like a question on one of the surveys.

Aggregate findings of the study across all schools will be shared with me and my school at the end of the project. No individual responses or classroom results will be shared. Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be linked to me or identify me will be kept confidential. The teacher surveys will be stored in a secure location by Education Northwest and electronic data will not contain my name.

My participation is voluntary. I understand that I do not have to take part in this study, and my decision will not affect my status in any way with Education Northwest or my school. I may also withdraw from this study at any time without affecting my relationship with Education Northwest or my school.

If I have concerns or questions about my participation in this study or my rights as a research subject, I know I may contact Dr. Deussen at (503) 275-9631 or the Education Northwest Institutional Review Board, Education Northwest, 101 SW Main Street, Suite 500, Portland, Oregon, 97204, (503) 275-9500.

My signature indicates that I have read and understand the above information and agree to take part in this study. I understand that I may withdraw my consent at any time without penalty, and that by signing, I do not waive any legal claims, rights, or remedies. I will receive a copy of this form for my own records.

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Print Name	School
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Signature	Date