Gr. PreK-8 Research Plan & SRC/IRB Approval Form

(Scientific Review Committee/Institutional Review Board)

Grades K-8 Students: Use this form if your project involves: Humans, Animals, Human or Animal Tissue, Dangerous or Hazardous Substances or Activities, or Microbes (bacteria, mold, potential pathogens, etc.) If it has one of these items, it requires Approval from your School's SRC. Complete this form and submit it for approval before you start your project experiments.

Note to School: Your school SRC/IRB Committee should consist of at least three adults, usually a Science teacher (other than the teacher overseeing the project), a Principal/Administrator, and a Counselor or Nurse. Some SRC's require a veterinarian if a project involves live animals.

Send ALL of this information to the School SRC for review and approval BEFORE starting the project. If you do not have an SRC at your school, send this form to yesfair@ssvec.com

Why is this mportant? *Above all else, we want to teach students to perform experiments safely and humanely. A Scientific Review Board is tasked with reviewing the project contents, steps, and procedures to ensure students are avoiding harmful or dangerous studies, that humans and animals are being treated humanely, and verifying that the student is taking the necessary precautions to perform the experiment safely.*

Student's Name _____ Grade_____ Phone_____

Teacher's Name and phone _____

Adult working with Student: and phone _____

School _____ School Phone _____

School Address, City, Zip _____

Project Title _____

Answer the following questions. Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

1. What problem are you studying? Why did you decide to study this?

2. List all the steps of your project.

3. Why is this the best way to study the problem? (Is there a way to test your question without using animals, humans, chemicals, or microbes?)

4. Tell us how you will stay safe and keep everyone/everything else safe.

5. Where will the project be completed? ____Lab ____School ____Outside ____Home

6. Write down 2-3 articles or books used to learn about this topic from your library and internet search. If you plan to use animals, you must include information on animal care.

Please attach additional information as needed.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
By signature, I am approving my student involvement with the proposed project, and will oversee the safety of the student and all subjects (human or animal).

SRC/IRB Decision (Circle One) Approve Conditionally Approve (see comments) Disapprove

Comments/Requirements:

SRC/IRB Chair Signature _____ Date _____

The following signatures are required if your project involves humans. *Note: IRB approval requires three total signatures (IRB chair and two additional).*

IRB reviewer _____ Date _____

Reviewer role/qualification: _____

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The following signature is required if your project involves animals. *Note: Projects involving animals requires two total signatures (SRC chair and one additional).*

SRC veterinarian _____ Date _____

Please direct any questions to the YES Fair SRC by emailing yesfair@ssvec.com