



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Your participation in a research project is requested, which involves completing a brief online survey. The title of the study is "Belongingness, Social Support, and Identity in Adolescence". Michigan State University graduate student, Carolyn Hayter, supervised by Dr. Evelyn Oka, is conducting the research. Specifically, the study examines how students and their parents view adolescents' school experiences to better understand ways to help them to succeed in school. Middle school and high school students and their parents are invited to participate in this research.

Your participation will involve completing a short online survey that takes 10-15 minutes. If you choose to participate, a parent must first complete their survey and create a password for their child. By providing your child with the password, you are giving your child permission to participate in this study. Your child will complete an identical survey, which will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

The surveys are completed anonymously; no names are required. Your privacy will be protected to the maximum extent allowable by law. Results will be available to you upon request, will consist only of group data, and will not include any identifying information.

Parents and students who both complete the surveys may enter a drawing for a gift card by providing an email address. Two parents and two students will be randomly selected; students will be eligible for a \$25 iTunes gift card and parents will be eligible for a \$25 Target gift card.

This study has several potential benefits. This study will help us to learn how parents and their children view their experience in school. Your views are important to help us understand what it's like to be a middle or high school student today. Your participation will help to improve the way in which schools support students during this time.

Parents: please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/adolescenceparentsurvey> to begin the survey.

If you have any questions or concerns about participating in this study, or if questions arise later, please contact: Carolyn Hayter, by phone: 508-265-4380; email: hayterca@msu.edu or Dr. Evelyn Oka, by phone: 517-432-9615; email: evoka@msu.edu; 435 Erickson Hall, East Lansing, MI, 48824.