## Agreement to Participate: IDEA Student Over 18



## Dear Student,

All states are required to collect information on what transition-age, special education students are doing one year after leaving school. Each district does this by contacting students one year after leaving school to ask questions about their school and work experiences. These interviews are called the Post School Outcomes (PSO) collection.

Typically, a person you know from the school will call sometime between June and September a year after you leave school to speak with you or a family member about what you have been doing since you left school.

The purpose of this letter is to get your permission to conduct a <u>pre-exit</u> interview with you before you leave school. In this interview you will be asked to share the goals and plans you may have for after you leave school and how the school has prepared you for your future. Your future plans may include things such as taking additional schooling or getting a job, Your signed permission is required before this pre-exit interview can be conducted.

The information from the <u>pre-exit</u> interview will also assist with the <u>follow up interview</u> that occurs a year after you leave school.

- During the pre-exit interview, you may be asked to provide names and contact information such as close relatives or friends that could help locate you the following year for the interview.
- You may be asked to provide an address where a reminder postcard (with the above logo) can be sent in a year to help schedule the interview the following year at a convenient time for you.
- Interviews can also be conducted with family members who are familiar with your activities since leaving school.

The information gathered on these interviews is submitted to the state in a confidential and secure system. The district is provided a report that they can use to improve transition services offered by the district to future students.

It is important that all students participate in this opportunity to share how the district has helped them prepare for adult life. Remember that the school district is required to attempt to complete the follow up interview with all former students one year after the student leaves school.

If you have any questions please contact:

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