

## Research at The UD Laboratory School

As a university-based laboratory school, The UD Lab School not only provides high quality programs for children and their families and preparation for the next generation of professionals, it also serves as a site for research.

Research at The Lab School is conducted by our own staff, by university students under the direction of Lab School administrators, and researchers from other units on campus. This research typically focuses on how young children develop, learn and grow; curriculum, materials and teaching approaches that best support them; how to best support families and to prepare and support effective teachers.

The goal of all research conducted at The Lab School is to share knowledge developed here with other professionals in order to contribute to the quality of early childhood experiences for all young children.

All research conducted in The Lab School is subjected to three forms of review before you or your child would participate in a study:

1. The UD Institutional Review Board (IRB) evaluates each research proposals against federal requirements in order to assure that research conducted at the university protects participants from any harm and assures participants' confidentiality
2. Lab School administrators then review IRB approved research proposals requesting participation of Lab School children, families or staff members to assure that, in addition to protecting participants in the research, the proposed procedures do not negatively impact anyone in the Lab School and do not unduly disrupt our educational programs
3. If a research proposal is approved by UD IRB and Lab School administrators, families are provided with a description of the proposed research and are given the option to give consent to participate in the research or to choose not to participate.

Your signature below indicates that you are aware that research is conducted in The Lab School and that you understand that you will be informed of approved research studies and given the option to participate or not.

Your child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_