

Qualitative Consent Form

You are invited to take part in a research study to improve technology usage in agriscience classrooms. The researcher is inviting all Georgia Agriculture teachers to take part in participating in this survey. Georgia Agriculture teacher's grades 6th-12th may choose to participate in the study. This form is part of a process called "informed consent" to allow you to understand this study before deciding whether to take part. In order to protect your privacy, signatures are not being collected and your completion of the survey will indicate your consent, if you choose to participate.

This study is being conducted by a researcher named Krista Morris, who is a doctoral student at Walden University. You may already know the researcher as an agriculture teacher, but this study is separate from that role.

Background Information:

The purpose of this study is to identify the technology practices of agriculture educators to see what kind of technology teachers are implementing in their classrooms. The theoretical framework is based on a model for social change theory that focuses on improving the use of instructional technology among agriculture teachers through beliefs, attitudes, and instructional practices. This mixed methods study will provide answers to address exactly how teachers are using technology within agriculture education classrooms and overcoming any impediments to integrating technology effectively.

Procedures:

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to:

- The qualitative phase will consist of interviewing six agriscience educators each for 30 minutes using interview questions that address the International Society for Technology in Education factors for successful implementation of technology. You may choose to participate in this portion of the study by opting to participate in the interviews on the Loti survey.
- A random sample will be used to select the six participants to interview.

Here are some sample interview questions:

1. In your own terms, how do you define technology integration?
2. What types of technology do you have in your classroom?
3. How do you use technology in your classroom?

Voluntary Nature of the Study:

This study is voluntary. Everyone will respect your decision of whether or not you choose to be in the study. No one at the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association will treat you differently if you decide not to be in the study. If you decide to join the study now, you can still change your mind during or after the study. You may stop at any time.

Privacy:

Any information you provide will be kept confidential. The researcher will not use your personal information for any purposes outside of this research project. Also, the researcher will not include your name or anything else that could identify you in the study reports. Data will be kept secure by storage in a locked filing cabinet. Data will be kept for a period of at least 5 years, as required by the university.

Risks and Benefits of Being in the Study:

Being in this type of study involves some risk of the minor discomforts that can be encountered in daily life, such as fatigue, stress, or becoming upset. Being in this study would not pose risk to your safety or wellbeing.

Benefits of the study include a recommended model of change to inform agriculture educators of the benefits of integrating technology effectively.

Contacts and Questions:

You may ask any questions you have now. Or if you have questions later, you may contact the researcher via krista.morris@waldenu.edu or 912-222-2508. If you want to talk privately about your rights as a participant, you can call Dr. Leilani Endicott. She is the Walden University representative who can discuss this with you. Her phone number is 1-800-925-3368, extension 1210. Walden University's approval number for this study is **11-19-12-0186043** and it expires on **November 18, 2013**.

Insert the phrase that matches the format of the study:

Statement of Consent:

I have read the above information and I feel I understand the study well enough to make a decision about my involvement. By completing this interview, I understand that I am agreeing to the terms described above.

Printed Name of Participant

Date of consent

Participant's Signature

Researcher's Signature

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- Take a 20 minute digital age survey. The Loti Survey will be used as a survey instrument to collect quantitative data from agriscience teachers in Georgia to determine the level of technology being implemented. Participants in the quantitative survey will be informed that they will be asked if they would be willing to be interviewed.
- Data will be collected for the Loti survey at the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers conference.

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Please keep this consent form for your records.

Loti Survey Link:

<http://www.lotilounge.com/>

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