

# LAUSD Credit Recovery Study

**Request: students to participate in an interview about their experiences and perceptions of credit recovery.**

American Institutes for Research (AIR) and LAUSD have a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences to study credit recovery in high schools. This summer, AIR plans to interview 24 students throughout LAUSD to better understand credit recovery from their perspective. **A student can earn up to \$100 for participating.**



**Students are eligible to participate** in an interview if they meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in an Algebra 1 or English 9 credit recovery class at a LAUSD high school during summer 2022
- Will be entering their second year of high school in fall 2022
- Can provide parental or guardian consent to participate in the interview



**Students will receive a \$50 gift card for participating in an interview.** Some students may be asked to do a second interview, with the opportunity to receive another \$50 gift card.



**To participate in an interview, students must first do the following:**

- Have their parent or guardian read the attached parent consent form.
- Have their parent or guardian give permission by either
  - signing the attached letter, which students will photograph and then upload the image to <https://bit.ly/LACR323>; OR
  - providing an electronic signature at <https://bit.ly/LACR323>
- Fill out the online eligibility form (<https://bit.ly/LACR323>)



**Interviews will be scheduled during the month of August** at a time convenient for the student and will last approximately 45 minutes. The interviews will take place remotely via video (e.g., Zoom) or telephone, based on the student's preference.



**All information will be kept private.** Only the AIR study team will have access to what is said during the interview and the information will be used for research purposes only. We will not provide information that identifies a student, teacher, or school to anyone outside the AIR study team, except as required by law.

**For additional information,** please contact Dr. Oshin Khachikian at [okhachikian@air.org](mailto:okhachikian@air.org) or 202-403-5235.



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**RE: Student Participation in Credit Recovery Study**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

American Institutes for Research (AIR) is partnering with LAUSD to study credit recovery. Your child is enrolled in an Algebra 1 or English 9 credit recovery class this summer and may be eligible to participate in an interview as part of the study. The purpose of the study is to hear from students about their experiences in credit recovery courses and to use this information to help future students succeed. Our goal is to help improve credit recovery courses by finding out from students what works or does not work.

If you give permission for your child to participate, we may invite him or her to participate in an interview. We will determine which students to interview based on the course they are taking and other information. If we select your child to participate:

- We will schedule a 45-minute interview with them in August 2022, after their summer school class ends.
- The interview will take place via video (e.g., Zoom) or telephone, depending on your child's preference.
- Students will receive a \$50 gift card for participating. We may ask some students to do a second interview, with the opportunity to receive another \$50 gift card.

**Participation does not affect student grades.** The interview will be for research purposes only and will not be part of your child's grade in the course. Participating in the study will not pose a risk to your child.

**All information will be kept confidential.** Only the research team will see your child's responses to the interview questions. Your child's name or personal information will never be reported to teachers, the school, the district, or the public.

**Participation in the study is strictly voluntary.** Although we hope your child will help us improve credit recovery options by completing the interview, participation in the study is voluntary and she/he can stop participating at any time. Your child will not be penalized if he/she wishes to stop participating in the study.

**If you give permission for your child to be interviewed, please go to <https://bit.ly/LACR323> and complete an online version of the form below. Or sign on the line below and submit a picture of this form to us online at the same link.** If you do not want your child to participate in the study, simply do nothing.

If you have questions about the study, please contact Dr. Oshin Khachikian at [okhachikian@air.org](mailto:okhachikian@air.org) or 202-403-5235.

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act [20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c)(1)(A)], you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked or materials that will be used with your child. If you would like to do so, please contact Dr. Khachikian ([okhachikian@air.org](mailto:okhachikian@air.org) or 202-403-5235). If you have concerns or questions about your rights as a participant, contact the chair of AIR's Institutional Review Board at [IRBChair@air.org](mailto:IRBChair@air.org), by phone toll free at 1-800-634-0797, or c/o AIR, 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Washington, DC 20007.

**Thank you for your cooperation in this very important effort!**

Yes, I give permission for (child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in an interview for the *LAUSD Credit Recovery Study*.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Name Printed Date



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