



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Oceans and Atmosphere
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This school year, other students at your child’s school will participate in Chesapeake Bay watershed learning activities, some of which are funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). While your child’s class will not participate in the watershed learning activities, we have selected your child’s class to be a comparison group in a formal research evaluation. The information collected from students in your child’s class will be compared with the responses of students who participated in the activities, so that we can find out how much the participating students learn, how engaged they are in their learning, and whether they are more likely to act to protect the Bay/watershed in the future.

We would like to have your permission to include your child in this study. He or she will complete two written questionnaires (less than 30 minutes to complete) at the same times as the students participating in the Chesapeake Bay watershed unit. Your child’s participation in this evaluation is voluntary, and there will be no penalty for nonparticipation or withdrawal from the study. However, the information your child will provide is extremely valuable and will contribute to improving educational opportunities offered by your child’s school.

Your child’s survey responses will be completely anonymous and will not affect your child’s grade in any way.

We hope that you will allow your child to participate in this important evaluation. If you would like additional information about the evaluation, please contact Anita Kraemer at 410-280-1405 or eeEval@verizon.net. Thank you!

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Please sign the form below and have your child return it to his or her teacher. Thank you.

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Student’s Name: _____ Parent’s Name: _____
School Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____

My child **MAY / MAY NOT (Please circle one)** participate in the NOAA Chesapeake Bay education program evaluation conducted by eeEvaluations , the University of Michigan, and Virginia Tech.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

