**HOW TO USE THE CHILD ASSENT TEMPLATES:**

Using the Child Assent Templates will ensure that the basic elements of informed [assent](https://www.brown.edu/research/conducting-research-brown/research-compliance-irb-iacuc-coi-export-control-research-data-management-and-data-use-agreements/irb/hrpp-glossary#assent) are included in your document, at a reading level that is appropriate for children included in research studies.

When to use the Child Assent Templates:

1. Your study involves participants between the ages of 7-17.
2. The child is capable of providing assent (either verbal or written).

The HRPP provides two versions of the Child Assent Template:

1. Child Assent for Research Ages 7-12 (5th-grade reading level)
2. Child Assent for Research Ages 13-17 (7th-grade reading level)

This reading level of these documents can be lowered or raised, but should always be written in lay language dependent on and appropriate to your child participants.

Instructions and guidance are marked in [shaded brackets]. Additional language to be used if applicable are marked in [*italicized, shaded brackets*]. Brackets, shading, and italics should be removed by researchers from the final versions of the assent form.

**All plain text without shading should be included in your consent document without modification.**

There may be additional elements that should be included based on your study design, research population, or funding.

You can find additional assent language approved by the IRB for unique situations (i.e., blood draws, pregnancy testing, mandated reporting, etc.) by visiting the HRPP [website](https://www.brown.edu/research/conducting-research-brown/research-compliance-irb-iacuc-coi-export-control/irb/forms-and-policies#Consents).