

### **Assent text**

We want to let you know about a chance for you to help researchers from the University of South Florida (USF). We're trying to find out what students learn when they use the new curriculum materials that we have developed for your Marine Science class.

We're asking about 1500 students who are enrolled in Marine Science to take part in this study. If you agree to do this you will be asked to complete a questionnaire at the beginning and end the school year. This will take less than one class period for each survey. We will also be collecting data about your use of computers in this class, some of your classwork, and your tests. We will remove your name from all of this data and it will not appear in any part of our research.

We won't be able to pay you to take the study, but we would appreciate your participation.

We hope you'll join us and help us to improve the way that Marine Science is taught. However, if you do not want us to use the data that we collect from you or your classwork in our research, please let your teacher know.