

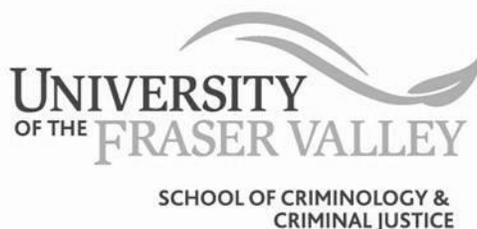
# YOUTH ONLINE STUDY



Parents of students in Grades 6 to 10!  
Tell us what you think about and how you act  
towards technology and social media

If you and your child complete our online survey, you will be  
entered into a draw to win one of several prizes  
(e.g., iTunes gift cards, Amazon gift cards, Apple iPad mini)!

Please review the attached information and consent documents.  
Call or email Dr. Zina Lee for more information or if you'd like to  
participate: 1-888-504-7441 (extension 4324) or [Zina.Lee@ufv.ca](mailto:Zina.Lee@ufv.ca)



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**Youth Online Study  
Parent Letter of Informed Consent**

Dr. Zina Lee, Dr. Amanda McCormick, Dr. Hayli Millar, and Dr. Irwin Cohen from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Fraser Valley are inviting you and your child to participate in a study about thoughts, feelings, and behaviours engaged in online and offline.

**What do I need to do?** If you decide to participate, you and your child will be asked to complete a survey online (through the survey platform Jitsutech) about various attitudes and behaviours towards technology and social media. Your survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and will address the following areas: attitudes and behaviours towards technology and social media; concerns about technology and social media; use of technology and social media; and supervision. You may complete the survey at your convenience; please complete the survey by June 30, 2019.

Your child's survey will take about 30 minutes to complete and will address the following areas: attitudes and behaviours towards technology and social media; concerns about technology and social media; use of technology and social media; mental health; personality traits; bullying; school behaviours; attitude towards school; and relationships with parents and friends.

You and your child will be contacted three more times over the next three years and invited to complete additional surveys online. You can decide at these times whether you and your child would like to participate.

**Why is this study important? Will I be rewarded?** We hope that the results of this study will help parents, teachers, and people who work with kids to provide appropriate interventions to address problematic online behaviours. For completing the survey, you will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 10 \$25 Amazon gift cards. If your child completes the survey, s/he will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 20 prizes (e.g., movie tickets), including a grand prize of an Apple iPad mini.

**What are the risks to me and my child for being in this study?** You or your child may feel that some of the questions are personal and sensitive in nature, and as a result, may make you feel uncomfortable (e.g., asked about viewing nude photos). If you would like to speak with someone, you can contact the school and ask to speak with your child's school counsellor.

**How will my privacy be protected?** Your name, your child's name, and any identifiable information will not be noted on the survey. The survey responses will have an ID number and be kept in a locked office; only individuals working on the study will have access to your responses. In order to contact you in the future, we will need to collect contact information. This information will be kept separate from the surveys and in a locked office. You and your child's completed survey responses will be stored in a computer indefinitely, but your names will not be stored with your responses.

Information shared by you and your child will be kept confidential to the extent of the law. If your child plans to hurt him/herself or anyone else, is being hurt by an adult, or might be hurt by an adult, we are legally required to report this to the appropriate authorities.

**What are my rights?** Taking part in this study is voluntary. The decision you make will not affect how your child's teachers or school treat you or your child. If you start the study and change your mind, you can stop at any time by closing your web browser. Once your responses are submitted online, you will not be able to withdraw your responses.

The results of this study may be presented to school staff and parents, published in reports for the school, presented at academic conferences, and published in academic journals. In addition, your child's school district will receive district-specific data. All of this information will not have any identifiable information and will be anonymous.

**What if I have questions about the study?** If you have any questions concerning the study or would like a copy of the findings, please contact Dr. Zina Lee by phone (604-504-7441, extension 4324) or email (Zina.Lee@ufv.ca).

**What if I have concerns about the study?** If you have concerns regarding your rights or welfare as a participant in this research study, please contact the Ethics Officer by phone (604-557-4011) or email (Research.Ethics@ufv.ca).

*The ethics of this research project have been reviewed and approved by the University of the Fraser Valley Human Research Ethics Board (Protocol 980C-17).*

I have read this form. I understand what my participation and my child's participation involves.  
By providing the information below via email, I consent to me and my child's participation.

Please note that the information below will also be used to contact you over the next three years to invite you to participate in follow-up surveys.

You may decide at these times whether you and your child would like to participate.

Parent/Guardian's Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number(s), and Email Address  
Your Child's Name, Grade, School, and Email Address

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## **Youth Online Study Youth Survey Letter of Informed Consent**

### **What is this study about?**

A group of researchers from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Fraser Valley (Dr. Zina Lee, Dr. Amanda McCormick, Dr. Hayli Millar, and Dr. Irwin Cohen) are interested in how you think, feel, and behave online and offline.

### **What do I need to do?**

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete a survey online about your thoughts, feelings, and behaviours towards your parents, friends, and school online and offline. This survey will take about 30 minutes to complete. You may complete the survey whenever you want; please finish the survey by June 30, 2019.

### **Why is this study important? Will I be rewarded?**

We hope that the results of this study will help parents, teachers, and people who work with kids help kids when they feel bad or do bad things. If you complete the survey, you will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 20 prizes (e.g., movie tickets), including a grand prize of an Apple iPad mini.

### **Will anything bad happen to me if I am in this study?**

Some of the questions are personal and might make you feel upset (e.g., asked about seeing or sending naked pictures). If you get upset and want to speak with someone, you can call your school and ask to speak with the school counsellor or you can call the Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868.

### **Will what I tell you be kept private?**

Your name will not be on the survey. Your survey answers will have an ID number and be kept in a locked place. Only people working on the study will see your answers. Your answers will be stored in a computer forever, but your name will not be stored with your answers.

We will not tell your parents, teachers, or other kids what you tell us. But, if you plan to hurt yourself or anyone else, are being hurt by an adult, or might be hurt by an adult, we have to report this.

### **What are my rights?**

It is your choice to complete the survey. If you want to skip any questions, you can. If you don't know the answer to any questions, you can skip it. What you decide to do will not affect how your teachers or school treat you. If you start the survey and change your mind, you can stop at any time by closing your web browser. After your answers are submitted online, you will not be able to change your mind about participating.

The results of this study may be presented to teachers and parents, written up in reports for the school, presented at research conferences, and published in research articles. Your school district will also receive the responses. All of this information will not have your name attached to your answers.

**What if I have questions?**

If you have questions or would like a copy of the results, you can contact Dr. Zina Lee by phone (604-504-7441, extension 4324) or email (Zina.Lee@ufv.ca).

If you feel you have been treated badly in this study, please contact the Ethics Officer by phone (604-557-4011) or email (Research.Ethics@ufv.ca).

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By completing the survey online, you agree to the following:

I have read this form.  
The study has been explained to me.  
I know what I have to do.