

Consent Form Return Rates for Third-Grade Urban Elementary Students

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Objective: To maximize active parent consent form return rates for third-grade minority, urban students enrolled in predominantly low-income elementary schools in Chicago, Ill. **Methods:** Research staff used a class incentive and class visits to retrieve consent forms from students. **Results:** Of the 811 third-grade students, 98% returned a form and 79% (n = 627) of those students'

parents provided an affirmative response. Return rates did not vary by students' ethnicity or by the schools' demographic variables. **Conclusion:** Incentives and class visits can yield a high return rate of active parent consent forms for third-grade minority, urban, low-income students.

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