



Informed Consent

Purpose: You have been invited to participate in a focus group sponsored by Northwest Florida State College under the direction of Institutional Research, Analysis and Planning. The purpose of this focus group is to explore students' perspectives on the ideal classroom experience. The information gathered in this focus group will be used to enhance and expand teaching and learning practices at Northwest Florida State College.

Procedure: As part of this study, you will be placed in a group of 6 to 12 fellow students. A facilitator will ask you an overarching question and a series of follow-up questions while facilitating the discussion. As approved through Northwest Florida State College's Institutional Review Board (IRB), your responses will be recorded by a scribe.

Please be assured, your responses will remain confidential. This means your name will not be included in any materials including the final report. Be open and honest with your responses even if your responses counter those of other group members. Please note, you can choose whether or not to participate in the focus group and you may stop at any time during the session and you will still be compensated for your time.

Benefits and Risks: Your participation may not benefit you personally but will inform future practices at the College. However, no risks are anticipated beyond those experienced during an average conversation. Further, your participation will not negatively impact your standing at the College.

Confidentiality: Should you choose to participate in the study, you will be asked to respect the privacy of other focus group members by not disclosing any content discussed during the study. Researchers from the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness will analyze the data and create a written report, but no names will be included in any reports.

Contact: If you have any questions about this study at any time, you may contact Jay Menees at Northwest Florida State College 100 College Blvd, East. Niceville, FL, 32578 or by telephone at (850) 729-5313, or e-mail at OIRE@nwfsc.edu and she will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Authorization

You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep for your records.

Printed Name of the Participant _____

Signature of the Participant _____

Date _____

Printed Name of the Investigator _____

Signature of the Investigator _____