



Curiosity in Classrooms Project: Exploring influences of curiosity and broader supports for learning

We are researchers from the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University interested in studying how schools can support children's learning by engaging their natural curiosity about the world. Your child's school is helping us with a research project, and your child can help us, too. Read on to find out how, and please contact us with any questions!

WHAT ROLE DOES CURIOSITY HAVE IN CLASSROOM LEARNING?

Curiosity can promote motivation, learning, and academic achievement; but many questions remain about how to support and leverage curiosity for academic success:

- What instructional methods and other classroom factors support student curiosity?
- How does curiosity vary across individuals and academic content areas, and over time?
- How does curiosity contribute to academic learning outcomes, both in terms of academic content learning and other domain general outcomes, such as problem solving and reasoning, persistence and mindset, and general feelings about learning and school?

CURIOSITY IN THE CLASSROOM STUDY

Your child's teacher is participating in a study to help us learn more about curiosity and learning. We are trying to better understand how to promote curiosity and the role it plays in education and student learning. This study will take place during the school day, as a part of their normal classroom instruction.

Individual Sessions

If you allow your child to participate, they will play curiosity and creativity games with researchers while they are at school. These games help us learn more about curiosity and creativity in students and will take about 25 minutes. We will communicate with your child's teacher to schedule a time to play these games. It is completely up to you and your child whether you would like to participate! We will not share information about your child with anyone, and we will only describe what we learn from all children as a group.

- **Consent:** To give permission, please complete the following form <https://tinyurl.com/CuriousUVA>. You can fill it out ahead of time, or ask any questions you have first over email.
- **Compensation:** After completing the session your child will receive a book.

Curiosity Survey

Your child can also participate in a short survey. If you allow your child to participate, they will answer questions using a picture scale to tell us more about their curiosity. The survey will take place during class and be supervised by your child's teacher and a member of the research team.

- **Consent:** Participation in the survey requires a separate consent form. To give permission, please complete the following form <https://tinyurl.com/CuriousUVA2>. You can fill it out ahead of time, or ask any questions you have first over email.
- **Compensation:** Your child will receive a small toy.

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