

Information about Pilot Opportunity for Teachers

Background & Purpose

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is developing education materials that raise awareness of the importance of healthy food choices among middle school children. Michael Cohen group and Applied Curiosity Research are gathering feedback from teachers and students on the materials, and a total of 20 teachers across the country will be selected to pilot the materials in their classrooms. Teachers from your school of multiple subjects from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are invited to participate.

You will receive a \$75 incentive for your time and resources and your school will be provided with a \$150 facility fee.

It is important for us to get teacher and student feedback about these materials so the final products are **relevant, meaningful, and fun**. Piloting these activities is an opportunity for teachers to implement them into their classroom teachings, and to influence the development of a nationally-available curriculum so that it will be suitable for all teachers.

Your Role and Responsibilities

Pilot Activities While piloting the materials, you will be asked to complete:

- Implement 3 lessons in your class (~45 minutes each)
- Distribute passive consent forms to all students in your class.
- Complete an educator journal
- Distribute a student assessment to all students before and after implementing the activities

Interviews. At the end of the pilot, researchers will visit your school to:

- Interview you one-on-one to learn about your experience with the materials
- Speak with you in a small group with other pilot teachers to get feedback on distribution and implementation.
- Conduct two student focus groups with students from two pilot classrooms to collect student feedback on the materials.

Included in the Materials:

- ❖ One lesson plan document outlining the 3 activity sessions and the learning objectives
- ❖ 2 informational text passages and a list of accompanying comprehension questions
- ❖ Animated video and interactive application
- ❖ Educator Journal
- ❖ Student assessment survey
- ❖ Teacher and student consent forms

Pilot Timeline

The pilot materials can be implemented at a time that is convenient to you and must be completed by the end of the school year.

If interested, please contact Jessica Nguyen at jnguyen@appliedcuriosityresearch.com or 215-806-4971.

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