Appendix E

Students’ Assent Form
VIRGINIA  POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Informed Assent for Participants of Research Projects Involving Human Subjects

Title of Project: Part-time Employment in High School Years: Educational, Social and Psychological Effects.

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1. The Purpose of this Research/Project

The purpose of this survey is to investigate your school and work experiences. This is necessary so that parents and educators can understand more about employment and school experiences of high school students.

II. Procedures

If you choose to participate, I will ask you to complete a survey about your school and work experiences. You will complete the survey in your classroom at your school for about 30 to 45 minutes during your regular school hours. Your teacher will collect the completed surveys.

III. Risks

There are no anticipated risks to you other than what you would experience in everyday activity.

IV. Benefits of this Project

No direct promise of benefits is made to influence your participation. However, we hope that your response will help us understand how your part-time jobs influence you and your academic and school life.

V. Extent of Anonymity and Confidentiality

Confidentiality is assured to all participants and I will make every effort to protect your identity. Your name will not be associated with the content of the survey and I will be willing to share drafts of reports or papers with you before submitting them for publication. Publications about the findings from the study will not reveal your identity. I will be the only person to read the surveys.

VI. Compensation

Your participation is voluntary and unpaid.

VII. Freedom to withdraw
You are free to withdraw from this study at any time and for any reason without penalty or adverse effects on your schoolwork. You can withdraw by contacting Myrna Ransome (mransome@vt.edu). You are free to skip any questions that you do not want to answer.

VIII. Approval of Research

This research has been approved, as required, by the Institutional Review Board for projects involving human subjects at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and by the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, School of Education.

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IRB Approval Date                                                          IRB Expiration Date

IX. Participant’s Responsibility

I voluntarily agree to participate in this study and I will complete the study.

X. Participant’s Permission

I have read and understood the Informed Assent and conditions of this project. I had all my questions answered. I hereby acknowledge the above and give my voluntary assent for participation in the project. I agree to abide by the rules of this research project.

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Participant’s Signature     Date

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Name (please print)
Contact: phone, address or email

Should I have any questions about this research or its conduct, I may contact:

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