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STUDY PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY FOR FOURTH GRADE SCIENCE TEACHERS

Study Overview

The National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST) at UCLA is conducting research on the education and testing of ELL students. As a part of this research, we are developing a measure of Opportunity to Learn (OTL) and Academic Language Exposure (ALE) in science for ELL students.

Objective

To develop and validate a survey-based instrument to measure Opportunity to Learn (OTL) and Academic Language Exposure (ALE) in the science classroom.

Participation

1) Survey

Participating teachers will receive an OTL/ALE survey which includes questions about their demographic and professional backgrounds, classroom instruction, and the classroom and school context. The survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. At the second stage in our study, interested teachers may also be invited to participate in classroom observations

2) Observation and debriefing

Teachers will be observed teaching a science lesson on two occasions for a period of one hour. During these classroom visits two researchers will use an observation protocol to collect information about OTL and ALE. At the end of the observations, researchers will request that teachers briefly share their reactions to the survey and any suggestions on how to improve it to better capture teacher practice and ELL student experiences (e.g. additional aspects of OTL/ALE that should be included in future versions).

Compensation

In gratitude for their assistance with this project, teachers will receive a stipend of \$30 for completing the survey. Teachers who complete the survey and participate in classroom observations will receive a stipend of \$125.

Contact Information

To participate, please contact Stacey Beauregard at sbeauregard@ucla.edu, (209)728-4579 and provide your school mailing address. Surveys will be mailed shortly, along with a consent form and information sheet.

Thank you very much in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or would like further information about this study, please feel free to contact any of the lead investigators.

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