Student (18 years of age and older) Cover Letter

Dear Student:

There are many STARTALK programs across the United States. The National Foreign Language Center (NFLC) supports these programs. One of the NFLC’s jobs is to collect information about participants. To collect this information, NFLC surveys all participants. The surveys ask about language learning experiences and attitudes about language learning. NFLC will use the answers to these questions to make future STARTALK programs and language programs across the country better.

You may also use a program called LinguaFolio. LinguaFolio is a self-assessment, self-report tool used in Europe and several U.S. states for language learners. This means that you will describe how you are learning the language. Your program may also use other assessment tools.

We will do our best to keep your personal information confidential. All information collected by the surveys will be stored in a password-protected database. We will not include participant names in any published reports, media, or public discussions of STARTALK. Your name will be given a code for survey data. This code, instead of a name, will link your survey and identity. Only the researcher and you will be able to see this information. We will ask your permission if we want to cite you by name for any reason.

Instructions on how to complete the student consent form are attached.

Sincerely,

Dr. Catherine Ingold
Project Principal Investigator