

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I represent a team of researchers from the DQ Institute seeking your permission for your child to take part in our multi-national **DQ Test**.

Digital media and technology are evolving at a dizzying pace, bringing with them extraordinary opportunities as well as real risks for all. Around the world, we have been continuously witnessing the young and old using the immense power of the Internet and mobile technologies to explore, connect, create, and learn in ways never before imagined. Nonetheless, our research has also revealed that cyber-risks are a systemic risk that individuals are facing online. Left unguided, we leave ourselves and our children vulnerable to issues like cyberbullying, identity theft, and cyber victimization.

To empower children around the world with these skills, we've created Digital Intelligence (DQ): the sum of technical, mental, and social competencies essential to digital life (<https://www.dqinstitute.org>). We are conducting the **DQ Test** to understand the digital lives of children worldwide and to help them become discerning digital citizens.

Your child will take a simple online test with **55 questions** that will take around **30 minutes** to complete. At the end of the Test, your child will be shown their DQ Score Card that summarizes their DQ score, their understanding of the 8 Digital Citizenship skills, and provides recommendations for improvement. If you would like to receive this score card, simply have your child provide your email address at the end of the test.

Our research has been approved by the NTU Institutional Review Board in Singapore, and we assure you that all information will be treated with strict confidentiality. If you **do not wish** for your child to participate in the DQ Test, simply submit the attached Parental Opt-Out form.

Through their participation in the DQ Test, we hope that your child will become more aware of their digital use habits and be emboldened to develop the essential skills and values for thrive in our dynamic digital ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr Yuhyun Park

Principle Investigator, DQ Research

Founder of DQ Institute

PARENTAL CONSENT: OPT-OUT FORM

Please complete this section **only if you do not wish for your child to participate in the DQ Test** – part of a multinational educational study.

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School	:	<hr/>
Class	:	<hr/>
Name of Parent	:	<hr/>
Parent's Signature	:	<hr/>
Date	:	<hr/>