

**Rio Rancho Public Schools
Leadership, Empowerment, and Prevention Program
2009/10 Parents/Guardians Notice and Consent Form
For Participation in Program Activities and Evaluation**

Participant's Name: _____

Your child is eligible to participate in the "Keep A Clear Mind" (Grades 4-5) and/or "Protecting You/Protecting Me" (grades K-5) program activities offered through the Rio Rancho Public Schools LEAP program. This project includes curriculum based programs that assist children in avoiding problem adolescent behaviors like alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. The key elements to this project include accurate information about the consequences of risky behavior, training in resistance skills – decision making/problem solving, responsibility, role modeling, esteem for self and others, empathy development, how to communicate clearly and refuse temptation, experiential – learning games, role plays, skill practice, and small group discussions. The project implements a family approach encouraging participation of parents. The project also encourages youth and family participation in experiential learning at home and in the school setting.

Your child will participate in a statewide evaluation process to ensure that the program proves effective upon completion of the project activities. Your child's participation will be completely confidential. His/her name will not be shared with program evaluators, and will not be published. All surveys will be number coded to ensure your child's anonymity. A copy of the survey is available for your review at the office. Please return this form with your child's identifying data and your signature to your child's teacher. Thank you.

I hereby allow my child to participate in this program as follows:

_____ Participate in program activities.

_____ Be photographed or videotaped while participating in experiential activities.

_____ My child may not participate in this program.

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____