**General Inquiries**

***I’m interested in conducting research with APS, but I’m not sure if I need active consent or passive consent from parents. What is the difference between “Active” consent and “Passive” consent?***

***Active consent*** is written permission from a parent that their child/children can participate in a research study. This permission is granted when a form outlining the study is sent to the parent (e.g., via mail, email, or with the child) and parents are required to acknowledge the study and indicate if they want their child/children to participate.

***Passive consent*** to participate in a study requires a similar approach, however, in this case, the parent is only signing the consent form if they prohibit their child/children from participating in the study. Depending on the nature of the study, the APS Research Review Committee will determine which consent is most appropriate if questions arise. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Research and Evaluation at research\_screening@atlanta.k12.ga.us for assistance.

***How do I know which APS school(s) or cluster(s) to choose from for my study? APS is a large school district representing students from various ethnic and social backgrounds. Can you provide an overview of each cluster?***

APS has 9 clusters: each consisting of a high school, 1-2 middle schools, 3-4 elementary schools, and other school types (i.e., charter, partner, and/or non-traditional schools). Each cluster is unique based on its location within the City of Atlanta. Every cluster has adopted a selection of signature programs that guide and support instruction for both, students, and staff. As you prepare to submit your application, please be prepared to indicate why you have chosen a cluster(s) or school(s) as a focus for your study. For more information on each cluster, please click [here](https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/62831).