



Odyssey of the Mind Program

Parent Acknowledgement and Permission Form



Student Name: _____

Date: _____

School Name: _____

Grade: _____

Academic Year: 2024-25

Odyssey Problem: _____ **(full problem name)**

Program Description

Odyssey of the Mind is an extracurricular program that encourages creative thinking, builds teamwork and promotes lifelong learning. During the Odyssey of the Mind season, students will meet to solve a long-term problem, which includes both technical and artistic elements, and practice solving spontaneous problems. Regional competitions are typically scheduled in early spring. Teams that place at the regional competition may continue on to State and possibly, World tournaments. These competitions occur between March and early June. Due to the nature of the long-term problem, students will frequently meet at places other than the school to work on problem solutions as well as travel to competitions. Odyssey of the Mind coaches and coordinators are volunteers and may or may not be employees of the school district. Although teams from schools within the District School Board of Pasco County are often honored and recognized for competitive achievements by the District School Board, the program is not a requirement of instructional programming offered by the School District, nor is it an activity over which the School Board assumes responsibility over the participants.

Waiver of Claims

All persons who participate in Odyssey of the Mind shall waive all claims against District School Board of Pasco County and Odyssey of the Mind sponsors, coordinators, and coaches for injury, accident, or illness occurring during or by reasons of participation in the Odyssey of the Mind program. Therefore, as a parent/guardian for himself/herself and for his/her child/ward by signature herein below acknowledges the District School Board of Pasco County is not held liable in the event that any injury, accident, loss of property or any other circumstance or incident occurs during or as a result of a child's participation in Odyssey of the Mind. Participation in Odyssey of the Mind is voluntary, and attendance by your child is not mandatory.

Agreement for Consequences on Following Rules

Undersigned agrees that participants are to abide by all rules and regulations governing safety and conduct during Odyssey of the Mind meetings and competitions. Any violations of these rules can result in exclusion from participation in the Odyssey of the Mind program. When students/parents attend competitions, they represent their school and are expected to conduct themselves accordingly.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ALL PROVISIONS DETAILED ABOVE. I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND PROGRAM.

Parent Signature

Parent Name Printed

Parent Preferred Contact (ph/email)

Student Signature

OM Coach Signature

OM Coach Name Printed

***One form per team member must be turned in WITH ALL SIGNATURES by JANUARY 15, 2025 to Freda Abercrombie. Coaches should turn in all forms for their team at the same time. Forms may be submitted by email, text, courier, fax, or in person. See www.gcodysey.com for contact information.**