

Student Cover Letter



Dear Parent:

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.

Your child 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 your child will describe how well he or she is learning the language. Your child's program may also use other assessment tools.

We will do our best to keep your child's 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 child's name will be given a code for survey data. This code, instead of a name, will link your child's survey and identity. Only the researcher, you, and your child will be able to see this information. We will ask your permission if we want to cite your child by name for any reason.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Ingold", is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Dr. Catherine Ingold
Project Principal Investigator