Assent form for child between the ages of 7 and 17.
The child should be asked to sign a simply written separate assent form. A sample assent form is printed below. Modify it for your study. The title may be a simplified version of the title on the parental consent form.

ASSENT FORM
(Title of Study)

I agree to be in a study about (give general topic of study). This study was explained to my (mother/father/parents/guardian) and (she/he/they) said that I could be in it. The only people who will know about what I say and do in the study will be the people in charge of the study (modify if information will be given to parents, teachers, doctors, etc.).

(Provide here an overview, from the child’s perspective, of what he or she will do in the study. Write this so that a child of seven can understand it, e.g., “In the study I will be asked questions about how I solve problems. I will also be asked how I feel about my family and myself.”)

Writing my name on this page means that the page was read (by me/to me) and that I agree to be in the study. I know what will happen to me. If I decide to quit the study, all I have to do is tell the person in charge. I can say no to being in the study and I can quit at any time. If there are any questions I do not want to answer, I can choose not to answer them. I will not get in trouble with my teacher or parents if I do not agree to be in this study.

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Child’s Signature

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Date

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Signature of Researcher

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Date