Explanation of Exemption Form

Title of Project:

Principal Investigator:
Research activities in which the only involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following categories may be exempt from the full review. Check applicable box:

___ 1. Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as:
   (i) research on regular or special educational instructional strategies, or
   (ii) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.

___ 2. Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement),
   survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless
   (i) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and
   (ii) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place
   the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation.

___ 3. Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement),
   survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt
   under #2 above, if
   (i) the human subjects are elected or appointed officials or candidates for public office; or
   (ii) Federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally
   identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.

___ 4. Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological
   specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is
   recorded by the investigator in such a manner that the subjects cannot be identified, directly or
   through identifiers linked to the subjects.

___ 5. Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of
   Department or Agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine.
   (i) public benefit or service programs;
   (ii) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs;
   (iii) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or
   (iv) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those
   programs.

___ 6. Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies,
   (i) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (ii) if a food is consumed that contains a
   food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or
   environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug
   Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and
   Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
   (ii) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found
   to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be
   safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency
   or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

___ Approved
___ Disapproved

IRB Chair __________________________ Date __________________________