

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am a student teacher at St. John Fisher College and have the privilege of working with your students this semester. As well, I am participating in a New York state teacher certification requirement, called edTPA. edTPA is a teacher performance assessment for teacher candidates, originally created by Stanford University.

The Performance assessment documents a series of lessons I teach in your child's classroom and includes short video recordings. Although the video recordings involve both the teacher and various students; the primary focus is on my instruction, not on the students in the classroom. In the course of recording my teaching, your child may appear on the video. Also, I will collect samples of student work as evidence of my teaching practice, and that may include some of your child's work. My edTPA materials will be submitted to and scored by educators in a secure system operated by Pearson.

No students name will appear on any materials that are submitted and materials will be kept confidential at all times. The video recordings and student work I submit will not be made public in any way. Materials I submit will be reviewed by my program at St. John Fisher College. My assessment materials may also be used by Pearson under secure conditions for edTPA program development and implementation, including scorer training, and to support continued program improvement activities such as future validity and reliability studies. The form attached to this letter will be used to document your permission for these activities.

Sincerely,

(Teacher Candidate Signature)

Student Release Form

(to be completed either by the parents/legal guardians of minor students involved in this project, or by students who are 18 or more years of age that are involved in this project)

Permission Slip

Student Name: _____

I am the parent/legal guardian of the child named above. I have read and understand the project description given in the letter provided with this form, and agree to the following:

(Please check the appropriate box below.)

I DO give permission to you to include my child's student work and/or image on video recordings as part of the video(s) showing your classroom performance, to be used for the purpose of participating in edTPA.

I understand that my child's last name and any other personally identifiable information about my child will not appear in any of the submitted materials. I understand the video recordings and student work submitted will not be made public in any way.

I DO NOT give permission to you to include my child's student work and/or image on video recordings as part of the video(s) showing your classroom performance, to be used for the purpose of participating in edTPA.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

I am the student named above and am more than 18 years of age. I have read and understand the project description given in the letter provided with this form, and agree to the following:

I DO give permission to you to include my student work and/or image on video recordings as part of the video(s) showing your classroom performance, to be used for the purpose of participating in edTPA.

I understand that my last name and any other personally identifiable information about my child will not appear in any of the submitted materials. I understand the video recordings and student work submitted will not be made public in any way.

I DO NOT give permission to you to include my student work and/or image on video recordings as part of the video(s) showing your classroom performance, to be used for the purpose of participating in edTPA.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
