

Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA)- Student Release Form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

St. Cloud State University is participating in Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA), an evaluative process for teacher candidates (student teachers). The primary purpose of TPA is to develop a national assessment tool that can both measure and improve the performance of teacher candidates. This project includes a twenty-state consortium overseen by the Pearson Company, the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, and the Council of Chief State School Officers. All student teachers at SCSU, and in the state of MN, are participating in the TPA this semester.

You are receiving this letter because your child is a member of the class that I will be working with this semester. As a part of the TPA project, I need to submit two short video recordings of lessons that I teach. The primary focus of the videotaping is on my teaching, not the students in the class. However, your child may appear in the video as part of my class. I may also need to submit samples of your child's work as evidence of the growth that occurs during the lessons that I teach. All of these materials (videos and student work samples) will be submitted to a secure site for review in order to assess the quality of my teaching. Please be assured that student anonymity is high priority; no student's last name will appear in or on any materials that I submit as evidence of learning within my TPA submissions. I would also add that the student's school name does not appear on any of the TPA submissions.

I am respectfully requesting your permission to allow: (a) your child to appear on the video recordings and (b) your child's work to be submitted as evidence of the effectiveness of my teaching as a part of the TPA assessment process. Please take a moment to fill out and return this form to me as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter! I look forward to working with your child this semester.

Sincerely,