

Guidelines for candidate use of edTPA videos

A video clip is included in the Teacher Performance Assessment(edTPA) because it adds richness and valuable context to the evaluation of your teaching. However, because videos will almost always include identifiable images of students, their use as part of the edTPA carries some significant ethical and legal responsibilities. For reasons of privacy and safety, many parents are concerned about their children appearing in videos and photos, especially any that might be used outside the classroom. For both legal and ethical reasons, *those concerns must be respected at all times*. Doing so requires the following of you:

1. **Parents and guardians must be asked to consent to having their children appear on the video.** Depending on the district, there may be different ways of satisfying this responsibility: some districts may already have parental consent that would apply to the edTPA video; in other cases, you must seek specific permission for students to appear on the edTPA videos. Your university supervisor can tell you how it will be done for your classroom. *If you have not been informed about this by the beginning of your student teaching, your responsibility is to ask your supervisor how this requirement will be handled.*
2. **Before creating the video, you must be sure you know the names of any students whose parents did not grant permission, and must avoid including those students on the video by positioning the camera so that it does not capture their images. Also, any student work you submit as part of the assessment must not contain student last names.** Important note: Non-consenting students must *not* be excluded from the learning activity.
3. **Once created, video clips must be submitted as part of your edTPA evidence, but must not be shared or distributed beyond that.** Video clips are created solely to be used as part of your edTPA submission. No part of that video (whether or not included with your submission) should be used for any other personal or professional purposes. In particular, *it must not be posted online, sent to friends and family, or included in your job portfolio*. Anyone suspected of misusing video clips (s) will be reported to the college/university. This violation falls under the FERPA laws and are subject to an investigation. Other possible civil and criminal investigations and/or penalties can apply. (Remember: Once you have shared the video electronically with anyone, you have effectively lost control of it.)
4. **Once you have received confirmation that you have successfully completed the edTPA, video clips must be destroyed.** This includes not only the segments submitted, but any video material created as part of your effort to prepare for and complete the edTPA.
5. **Your preparation program may seek your explicit, written consent to share the video with them for purposes of program improvement, since consent for this activity will be included in the form signed by parents or guardians.** You may choose to do so, but this is the sole exception to rule #3 above.

I have read the above guidelines and agree to follow them.

Name (printed)_____

Signature_____

Date _____