

This is a sample letter seeking permission to videotape or photograph in the classroom. Please discuss videotaping/photographing with your cooperating teacher. You must comply with district policy and you must respect parent wishes. This is "sample" wording and should be considered when developing your own letter to parents regarding permission to videotape.

DO NOT copy this page but use it as a sample for wording of your own letter!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hello, I am currently student teaching under the supervision of your child's classroom teacher. I will be taking pictures of various activities during my student teaching practicum. These photographs or videos may become a part of my professional portfolio.

I hope that you will consider my request to have your permission to videotape/photograph your child participating in class as I teach, but please know that if you do not wish your child to be filmed or photographed, he/she will not be. You are welcome to discuss my requests with your child's teacher, me, or the Education Program director at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Please complete the attached permission form and have your child return it tomorrow. Not returning the form will be considered agreement. Thank you very much for your cooperation. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Student Teacher

Cooperating Teacher

Please complete this permission form and have your son/daughter return it to his/her teacher. Thank you.

_____ I do _____ I do not permit my child

(Child's name)

to be included in photographs or video of the student teacher at my child's school. I understand that the photographs or videos may become a part of the student teacher's professional portfolio. I have been invited to telephone my child's teacher or the director of the Education Program at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford to gather more information or to have any questions answered regarding these situations.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)