

Parent/Student Consent Form

Study Title: WCSU Teacher Preparation Study

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This form describes a research study that Drs. O'Callaghan and Stewart from Western Connecticut State University are conducting in order evaluate the impact of WCSU initial teacher preparation, which will lead to a greater understanding of teacher training and novice teacher experiences. We are interested in the ways that teachers use student data to help them improve their practice as teachers.

This mixed methods case study involves the collection of qualitative (interviews) and quantitative data (surveys) specific to the work of the teacher in your child's classroom. Your child's student work could potentially be selected as student work to review. If you DO NOT want your child's work to be viewed, please refuse participation in this study below.

Note: All research data will be stored in a secure location for 5 years. *All participant responses will be kept strictly confidential. Only the Principal Investigators and the paid transcriptionist will have access to the raw data and only summarized data will be presented at meetings and in publications.* Additionally, there are no foreseeable risks for participants nor is there any compensation for participation in this study.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. One is free not to participate or to withdraw at any time, for whatever reason. If you have any concerns, you can contact the Institutional Review Board Chair, Dr. Jessica Eckstein at IRB@wcsu.edu.

For more information about this research, contact: Catherine O'Callaghan at Ocallaghanc@wcsu.edu or Tricia J. Stewart at Stewart@wcsu.edu.

"IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO BE EXEMPT FROM THEIR STUDENT WORK BEING EXAMINED AS PART OF THIS STUDY, PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER."

Parental REFUSAL Signature

Date

Child's REFUSAL Signature

Teacher