

Measures of Effective Teaching Study Teacher Participation Agreement

I agree to participate in the research study, *Measures of Effective Teaching*, during the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. I understand that my participation involves the following:

- I will be videotaped for four of my classroom sessions each year where I will conduct my class 'as usual'. These videotapes will be reviewed and rated using several different criteria developed by researchers across the nation.
- I will be provided access through a secure website to view the videos of my classroom for my own purposes.
- I understand that this video will be used for research and professional development purposes only, and viewing will be restricted to the researchers, myself, and with my permission other individuals who would normally have access to my classroom, such as my principal or professional development coach.
- In conjunction with the videotaped class sessions, I will provide commentary on the taped lessons, lesson scheduling information, lesson plans, blank copies of student work assignments or assessments, and anonymous completed assignments from students in my classes.
- In the first year I will take a short, online and confidential survey from a secure website that will include questions about the quality of the instructional environment in my school.
- In the second year I will take an online and confidential assessment of pedagogical content knowledge that will include items about recognizing and diagnosing common student misperceptions in the grades and subjects I teach.
- In the second year of the study, our school will be assigning participating teachers to classrooms using a lottery system. I understand that should I change the school, grade, and/or subject I teach in the 2010-11 school year I may not be able to participate in the second year of the study.
- I understand that students in my classes will be asked to participate in data collection activities as part of this study, including supplemental assessments and short surveys about their classroom experiences. The survey responses and supplemental assessments will be used by the researchers as part of a composite measure of effective teaching. I understand that I will not be provided survey results and will not attempt to access the survey data.
- The NYCDOE will send my tax identification information to the Fund for Public Schools in order to facilitate the payment described below.
- If needed, I will help collect parent consent forms for students in my observed classes, or help ensure students without consent do not participate in study activities.
- My participation is strictly voluntary and I may withdraw my participation **at any time** with no penalty to me or my school.
- My participation will have no impact on my annual performance review.

The Measures of Effective Teaching researchers agree that:

- Project staff members will schedule the videotaped class sessions with at least 48 hours notice.
- Video operators will make special effort to minimize disruption of my normal classroom routines.
- The Fund for Public Schools will provide \$1500 to the undersigned teacher to be used at such teacher's discretion for participation in the study, including \$500 to be paid at the beginning of the study, \$500 to be paid at the beginning of the second year, and \$500 to be paid at the conclusion of the second year of full participation. Any teacher withdrawing from the study at any time may keep payments already received, but will receive no subsequent payments.
- Researchers will treat all collected data confidentially and will maintain anonymity of the school, teachers, and students.
- Researchers will not publish any summary reports or analyses that reveal my personal identity.

- Upon completion of data collection, the Gates Foundation will retain all video ratings, survey, assessment, and student assignment data in a secure database maintained by a separate contractor. The data will be used only for research purposes and will have no information identifying the names of participating schools, teachers, or students. Before researchers can access this database, the Gates Foundation will require them to sign pledges of confidentiality promising to strictly adhere to research policies and honor the anonymity of all students, teachers, and schools.

The New York City Department of Education wants to make sure that you are treated in a fair and respectful manner. Please contact the Measures of Effective Teaching Help Desk if you have any concerns or questions at (212) 374-6646 or effectiveteaching@schools.nyc.gov. If you have any questions about the study you can contact Steve Cantrell, Senior Program Officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, at help@metproject.org. Thank you in advance for your help.

Dr. Tom Kane
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Please complete the section below and return this form to your designated school contact or fax it to the attention of David Osborne at 212-374-5592.

_____ Signature of Teacher	_____ Date
_____ Name (Please Print)	_____ School
_____ Subject	_____ Grade(s)
_____ Telephone Number	_____ E-mail Address
_____ Best Time(s) to Reach Me	_____ Best Way to Reach Me (specify email, phone, or other)