

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Date _____

This year, as part of our curriculum, I plan to integrate the filmmaking process to introduce and reinforce curriculum standards. Using storytelling and digital video production is a great way to engage young people and stimulate classroom climate and academic achievement. In addition to learning the key principles of the filmmaking process, students will focus on research, writing, conceptualization, organization, sequencing, new technology, and visual arts. Important 21st century skills like communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity will also play strong roles in the video projects.

It is my intention to have the students share their finished projects with their families, their class, the school, the community and also distribute their voices and vision to a broader audience online. Students will create digital files that can be uploaded to the Internet and may also burn DVDs of their final products. The culminating presentation and distribution elements of the process should be an exciting and empowering part of the process for the students.

In order to share the students' video work with a larger audience, I will need your informed consent. Please read the "Parent/Guardian Release" language below and have your student return a signed copy to me. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the filmmaking projects we'll be creating this year, please do not hesitate contacting me. I value your input and would be happy to talk with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian Video Release

I hereby give my permission, as the Parent/Legal Guardian to _____ "School" and its education partners for the use and reproduction of my Student's video footage, photographs, voice recordings, written work, and name. I understand that the use of the Student's image and voice will only be used for the purposes of education. Furthermore, the Student and the Student's Parent/Legal Guardian agree that any and all of the submitted video(s) may be edited, reproduced, and presented in any way deemed proper by the School and its educational partners without additional consent, or payment to the student or anyone on the student's behalf claiming to have right to such payment. There is no time-limit on the validity of this release nor is there any geographic specification of where these materials may be distributed. Examples of how video products may be used:

- Educational presentations in school;
- Informational presentations at conferences by the School or its educational partners;
- Presentation in a public theater;
- Instructional videos may be included in television or Internet broadcasts and marketing presentations;
- Inclusion in School or educational partners websites or instructional materials to showcase student achievement or for the demonstration of instructional practices.

By signing below I agree to allow the School and its education partners to use the reproduction of my Student's video footage, photographs, voice recordings, written work, and name for the purposes of education.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

*If student is 18 years or older they do not require a Parent/Guardian Release and can sign here granting permission:
