

**CSU Child Development Center**  
2820 Chester Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**Student Observation and Participation in Child Development Center Classrooms**

One of the primary roles of the Cleveland State University Child Development Center is to serve the college as an educational training site. CSU students may be assigned to observe the development of young children, to observe the teaching/learning interactions between children and teachers, and/or to interact directly with children by implementing activities and/or conducting classroom projects. Depending on the nature of the class assignment, students may either observe from the hallway area or be present in the classrooms.

Prior to observing and/or participating in the CSU Child Development Center classrooms, students are required to:

- a) submit documentation of a current medical exam, educational background and criminal background check as required by state law;
- b) attend an orientation to the program given by the Center Director that includes training on confidentiality and best practices;
- c) submit a copy of the course assignment to be kept on file;
- d) wear an identification tag at all times;
- e) Sign in and sign out at the reception area. Records are kept of all visitors to the program including students who are completing assignments;
- f) Keep actual names of staff and children confidential at all times including in written observation reports that may be a course requirement.

On occasion, students may be required to include photographs or general file data in their assignments with the understanding that no child or staff will be identified in the photo or file data information.

Additionally, on occasion, a request may be received by the center to participate in a university approved child development research project. No research will be conducted at the center without first informing the parents/guardians of the nature of the research and obtaining their written approval for their child's participation.

My signature indicates that I understand that my child \_\_\_\_\_ will be included in the type of observation, participation and data collection experiences described above. However, it is understood that an additional approval must be granted by me for participation in any research project at the time the project is initiated. This permission is valid for 12 months following the date of signature below.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date