



Advancing Biology Education through Online Professional Development: A New York State Research Study

Principal Agreement Form

A teacher at your school is interested in participating in Advancing Biology Education through Online Professional Development: A New York State Research Study (ABE-NY). We are seeking your approval for their participation.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has contracted the Education Development Center (EDC) to conduct this study in partnership with PBS TeacherLine New York and the Buffalo PBS affiliate, WNED. The goal of this study is to learn more about what teachers gain from online professional development and whether it impacts student learning.

During the summer, participating teachers will complete an online professional development course and take two assessments. During the school year, teachers will take two surveys and their students will be asked to take two assessments, one at the beginning and one at the end of the school year. The assessments will consist of questions like those on the Living Environment Regents Examination. Teachers will assist the research team in obtaining appropriate consent from students' parents/guardians.

In recognition of the time and effort teachers will contribute to this study, they will receive a stipend ranging from \$200 to \$600, based on yearly tasks, for each year of participation in the study.

This study will be conducted under federally mandated ethical guidelines and all information obtained during this study will remain confidential. When the results of this data are presented, only aggregated data will be included.

Your signature signifies your agreement to allow teachers to participate in this study.

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, please contact Roshni Menon at ABE-NY@edc.org or (212) 807-4233. If you have any questions or concerns about teachers' rights as participants, please contact the Human Protections Program at HumanProtections@edc.org or (800) 225-4276, Extension 2971.

Thank you.

Participating Teacher's Name (please print or type)

Your Name (please print or type)

Your Signature

Date

E-mail Address

Please print and mail to Roshni Menon, ABE-NY, 96 Morton Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10014 or fax to (212) 633-8804

