

Consent for Observation

2004-2005 Academic Year

My child, _____ has my permission to participate in the educational and research projects at the Wimpfheimer Nursery School that utilize observational research techniques. The *Policies and Procedures for Conducting Research at the Wimpfheimer Nursery School* (revised January, 2003 & July, 2003) state that:

Observational research is defined as research which does not involve direct interaction or contact with the children outside of the child's typical, daily routine and activities. The researcher may be in an observation booth, seated directly in the classroom, or on the playground. The researcher DOES NOT remove the child from the classroom.

Observational research may include the use of video tape recorders, audio tape recorders, event recorders or hand-written notes. Children are not identified by name and all observational material is erased or destroyed at the completion of the project.

All protocols for this type of research must be approved by the Director of Wimpfheimer Nursery School prior to the beginning of the observational period. Observations which are anonymous and are part of class assignments but will not be published or presented at a conference do not need Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. Observations which will potentially result in publication or professional use must have IRB approval and separate parent consent.

Observational projects at the Wimpfheimer Nursery School will be conducted by the faculty and students of Vassar College, Dutchess Community College, Marist College and SUNY New Paltz during the 2004-2005 academic year. Occasionally other colleges or universities request permission from the director to observe for an academic assignment. I understand that my child will not be identified in any papers generated from these observations. All work generated from these observational projects are for educational purposes only. Papers produced from these observations will be used for the fulfillment of class assignments only. If a paper is to be published or presented in any professional forum, I will be asked to sign a separate consent form for such projects. I retain the right to withdraw my permission at any time.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date