

CHILDREN'S ASSENT TO BE VIDEOTAPED OR PHOTOGRAPHED

The teacher in the center will be instructed to tell the children that they are being videotaped or photographed so that other people can learn about mealtimes or physical activity.

The videographer will also tell this same thing to the children and teachers.

Children's assent does not take the place of parental consent forms. You must have parental consent forms for all children in the videotaping and photography setting.

Three procedures will be used to ascertain assent from young children:

1. If children are older than two years, ask them if they want to participate in being taped. Tell them they can tell you to stop taping if they want you to stop.
2. Children who are younger than two years will be observed for displays of displeasure, including such behaviors as hiding their faces, frowning at the camera operator, whimpering, crying, or shaking their heads or saying "NO." If children express negative responses, the camera operator will cease photographing or recording the child.
3. If children are old enough to sign their names, use the Assent Form below, prior to taping. Collect assent forms and attach them to parental consent forms.

I agree to be videotaped at the mealtime. I agree to have my picture taken at the mealtime. I can tell the camera person to stop videotaping me or taking my picture, if I want to.

Child Signature _____

Videographer Signature _____

Date _____

YOU MUST ABIDE BY THE CHILD'S ASSENT DECISIONS, BOTH BEFORE AND DURING TAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHING.