Guidance on NY State Videotaping Requirements for Teacher Candidates

This memo serves as a resource for principals, teacher candidates and teacher preparation program personnel in regards to new videotaping requirements associated with New York State teacher certification.

**Background**
- In May 2013, New York State Education Department (NYSED) Commissioner John King announced changes to certification requirements for teacher candidates.
- The NYSED has introduced a practice-based assessment called edTPA (Teacher Performance Assessment), a national, subject-specific portfolio-based assessment of teaching performance that is completed by teacher candidates to demonstrate their readiness for full-time classroom teaching assignments.
- A key artifact of the edTPA is a video of a single class. Candidates must submit 1-2 video clips of 15-20 minutes of uninterrupted instruction, alongside his/her documentation of lesson planning and evidence of student assessment. This can take place over the course of their teacher preparation program.

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<td>Principals and administrators should support both traditional and alternative-certification teacher candidates in meeting the new requirements – including the video component.</td>
<td>Teacher candidates should meet with their cooperating/mentor teacher to discuss the requirements of edTPA and when they intend to videotape their classroom instruction.</td>
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<td>Parental consent for the video component is covered as part of the general media consent form that many schools distribute to families each year.</td>
<td>Teacher candidates should work with their cooperating/mentor teacher and their administrator to determine whether the parents of students in their class have signed the media consent forms.</td>
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<td>• If you have already distributed the media consent form, you do not need to take any other steps to allow videotaping.</td>
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<td>• If you have not distributed media consent forms, they can be found at: <a href="http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/mediarelations/consentforms/default.htm">http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/mediarelations/consentforms/default.htm</a> (translations available).</td>
<td>• If media consent forms have not already been distributed and collected, please work with your cooperating teacher/mentor teacher and their administrator to obtain permission from families.</td>
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<td>If a parent or guardian does not allow filming of a particular student, the classroom and filming angle may be set up to exclude these students from the video without excluding them from instruction.</td>
<td>Teacher candidates must be sensitive to the needs of any individual parent or guardian who does not allow filming of their student and must take appropriate steps to ensure that any filming is set up to exclude these students from the video without excluding them from instruction.</td>
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It is understandable that school leaders and teacher candidates may have questions about teacher candidates video-recording in classrooms. Included below are some Frequently Asked Questions.

For additional questions, please write to studentteachercoordinator@schools.nyc.gov.
Frequently Asked Questions regarding edTPA:

1. Which teacher candidates do these changes apply to, and when do the new requirements go into effect?
   - These changes apply to both teachers who are applying for both traditional certification (e.g., student teachers) and alternative certification (e.g., New York City Teaching Fellows).
   - Most teacher candidates who apply for initial certification on or after May 1, 2014 but did not meet all the requirements for an initial certificate will be required to pass the edTPA. All candidates must complete all edTPA requirements prior to graduating from their teacher preparation programs. Details can be found at: [http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsl2012.html](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsl2012.html)

2. When is the best time during student teaching to complete the edTPA?
   - The timeline for submitting the edTPA may vary based on the structure of a program’s student teaching placement and candidate readiness. It is recommended that candidates submit their assessment for scoring early enough in their student teaching placement to allow time for resubmission if necessary.

3. What is the expectation of the candidate who is teaching in a collaborative or co-taught class?
   - The candidate can work in a collaborative or co-taught class but is expected to take the lead in the work for edTPA. All written documentation and videos for the assessment should be authored by the candidate.

4. How long is the segment? What must be taped?
   - Candidates should record whole lessons and then select one or two continuous, unedited clips from that lesson.
   - Teacher candidates have access to prompts and rubrics that describe the teaching and learning to be revealed in the clips, as well as guidelines about length of clips and whether multiple clips come from one or more lessons in the learning segment; this varies by subject area.

5. What will the video footage be used for?
   - This footage will be used solely for the purpose of professional development and will be submitted via a private and secure portal to the NYSED.

6. Who created edTPA? Who supports it?
   - Stanford University faculty and staff at the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity (SCALE) developed edTPA, formerly the Teacher Performance Assessment.
   - Involvement with edTPA is endorsed by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Teacher Performance Assessment Consortium (TPAC), comprised of 25 states and more than 160 teacher preparation programs which are participating in edTPA activities.

7. Where can I find more information about edTPA?
   - Information about edTPA in New York State can be found at: [http://www.nystce.vesinc.com/NY_annTPA.asp](http://www.nystce.vesinc.com/NY_annTPA.asp)