

**Informed Consent for Participation in
the Evaluation of NEA Teacher Institutes**

Thank you for agreeing to participate in a Teacher Institute, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. Institutes just like the one you are attending are happening across the country as a major effort by the National Endowment of the Arts to support professional development workshops and promote arts in schools. ROCKMAN ET AL is an independent educational research firm working with the National Endowment of the Arts to evaluate its national Teacher Institutes program. The evaluation is a way for the National Endowment of the Arts to ensure quality Institutes for teachers and is critical for continued and extended funding of this important and valuable initiative.

As part of your participation in the Institute, we will be asking you to participate in the evaluation and give feedback about the quality of your experiences in the Institute. As part of the evaluation, ROCKMAN staff will be collecting information about how the Institutes are conducted, ways in which the Institute influences your thinking and practices using arts in your classroom, your understanding of the anchor work approach, and the challenges and successes in implementing the anchor work approach in your classroom. An explanation of all of the evaluation activities is provided in the document entitled, “*NEA Teacher Institutes: Evaluation Expectations for Institute Participants*”.

All of the information that we collect will be kept strictly confidential. No individual information or responses will be shared with the Institute directors or the hosting organizations. We will only report responses in aggregate form. In cases where quotes or individual responses provide clarity or illustration of a particular finding, we will remove any identifying information before presenting it.

As part of the evaluation, we may need to contact you after the summer Institute. Please provide the best method for contacting you below.

We greatly appreciate your time and effort in collecting this data and making this evaluation one that is useful and informative for future efforts. Your contributions are very valuable and will help the NEA to plan for future Institutes that meet the needs of teachers and students, as well as developing a greater understanding of how arts can be integrated in classrooms.

If you have any questions about this evaluation, or your role in it, please contact either Terri Akey at 812.333.8883 (or by email at terri@rockman.com) or Beverly Farr at 415.544.0788 (or by email at beverly@rockman.com).

Please sign below to express your consent to participate in the evaluation of the NEA Teacher Institutes and provide the best way to contact you after the summer Institute:

Print your name here

Signature

Date

The best way to reach me after the summer Institute is (e.g., Home Phone: 413-555-5555, Email: SuzyQ@BestSchoolEver.edu):
