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BACKSTAGE EXAM PILOT STUDENT DATA COLLECTION

The United States Institute for Theatre Technology has developed the eSET program (Essential Skills for Entertainment Technicians) as part of a broad initiative to educate and evaluate entry-level workers in technical theatre.

The BACKstage Exam, a partnership initiative of USITT and the Educational Theatre Association, draws from the subject matter exams of eSET to evaluate the breadth of knowledge expected of high school technical theatre students.

The following data will be required to be collected from students when establishing an account to take the BACKstage Exam:

Student name
Student email
School name and address

- This data will be used to establish students' account within the testing program
- Individual student scores, with names, will be made available to the teacher for all students in the teacher's class

Aggregate anonymized data of all students will be collected to show how students scored based on demographics such as geographic region or nationally known and published socio-demographics about the school system. For example, scores of schools with a high percentage of free lunches, or average statewide scores on a single technical discipline.

I am the parent/or legal guardian of (Student), who is a minor, and who will be taking the BACKstage exam, sponsored by the United States Institute of Theatre Technology (USITT) and the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA).

1. I hereby grant USITT and EdTA permission to use my student's email to establish their account and access to the exam. It's understood that my child's name and email will be kept confidential and not shared publicly.

By signing this form, I consent to my child's participation in the BACKstage Exam and acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above release and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

Signature of parent, guardian, of: _____ or student (over 18): _____

Date:

Print name:

Relationship to Student:

School:

Teacher:

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. part 99), the written consent of a parent or eligible student (over 18) is required before the education records of a student, or personally identifiable information contained therein, may be disclosed to a third party, unless an exception to this general requirement of written consent applies