



## MEMO

TO:

FROM: (Insert Teacher Cadet Teacher's Name and school)  
Sheryl Mitchell  
Colorado Teacher Cadet Coordinator

RE: Student Data Waiver

Colorado is in the process of reviewing the recruitment and retention of teachers across the state. A major concern is the need to address current and potential teacher shortages in the education system. All programs that support teacher education are being identified and systems to track the training and placement of teachers developed.

Collecting data is important to assist Colorado and our institutions of higher education in the advising and training of future teachers. The collection of better data will assist with the hiring and placement needs of schools and districts. This information can assist institutions of higher education with the advisement of prospective teachers on licensure and job placement decisions. Data collection is also important from a budgetary perspective. This allows the state to review the effectiveness of programs and evaluate the expenditure of federal and state dollars. In addition, it helps to align effective programs with areas of need.

All data is strictly confidential. Please know that the data is collected for aggregate purposes only. Individual students are not tracked to assess individual performance and/or decisions. We will not be collecting social security numbers, nor have access to local school files and information. We need the ability to track students from high school to college, into teacher preparation courses (or not), teacher licensure, and job placement. The data provides valuable information about the program's impact state wide.

Please sign the student data waiver forms and allow your Teacher Cadet teacher to maintain them on file. If you have questions about the data please contact your local high school Teacher Cadet instructor. Teacher Cadet is a high quality program. Every decision is made thoughtfully with an eye towards maintaining the integrity of the program and the student. The state Teacher Cadet program has received Rose Community Fund and Daniel's Fund grants to have the data software professionally developed. We are excited about the ability to provide statistical data to support the value of Teacher Cadet.