FERPA Records Release Form:
Students Participating in Field Experiences

I, _________________________________, am a Clemson University student enrolled in the College of Education, Teacher Education program. I understand that participating in field experiences as a volunteer in South Carolina K-12 public schools, private day care facilities or other organizations partnering with Clemson University College of Education is a requirement for this program. I understand that South Carolina K-12 public schools, private day facilities and other partnering organizations require a South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) criminal records check and a national sex offender list check before volunteers can work in the schools. I understand that records retained by Clemson University that contain personally identifiable information about me may be protected from disclosure to third parties under the federal law known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

In exchange for the opportunity to participate in the Clemson University Teacher Education program, I understand and agree to the following:

1. I will pay for and obtain a SLED criminal record check and provide it to the Clemson University Teacher Education program before participating in any field experiences. I agree that Clemson University can provide the results of the SLED criminal record check or a copy of the results to any South Carolina public school, private day care or other partnering organization where I plan to work as a volunteer to meet the Teacher Education Field Experience requirement. The link to the SLED webpage is http://www.sled.sc.gov/.

2. Either the public school(s), private day care(s), other partnering organization(s), or Clemson University will check to see if I am listed on the national sex offender list prior to any field experiences that I may participate in while a student in the Teacher Education program. I agree that Clemson University can share any information about me that it receives from the national sex offender list with any public school, private day care or other partnering organization where I plan to work as a volunteer to meet the Teacher Education Field Experience requirement.

3. Any South Carolina public school, private day care or other partnering organization might determine that I am not allowed to volunteer with that organization if there is any negative information about me contained in the SLED check or the national sex offender list. Such information could also prevent me from being allowed to student teach in a South Carolina public school or to be certified as a public-school teacher in South Carolina.

This release remains in effect during the entire time I am enrolled as a student in the Clemson University Teacher Education program or until revoked by me in writing. If this release is revoked by me, I understand that as a result, I might not be able to complete my required Field Experiences.

I understand that upon request, I can obtain a copy of any records disclosed to a public school, private day care or partnering organization in accordance with this release.

By signing below, I hereby agree to the terms of this Records Release.

Student Name: ________________________________

Student CUID Number: ________________________________

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Student Signature Date