House Bill (HB) 548 Language Acquisition

Model Consent Form

November 10, 2020

HB 548 of the 86th Texas Legislature (2019) requires Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to assess the language acquisition of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) or Deafblind (DB) students ages 0-8. LEAs must obtain consent from parents or guardians before administering the assessments.

The attached model consent form is for LEA use. The model consent form contains the minimum required elements. LEAs may modify the model consent form to add more information, but may not delete any information. LEAs must obtain consent each school year until the student is 8 years old as of September 1st of the school year.

The parental consent for HB 548 language acquisition assessment does not apply to special education evaluations. The data collected from the language acquisition assessments does not apply towards the student’s special education eligibility, grades, or promotion to the next grade level.

If you have any questions about the model consent form, please contact Emily Robinson, DHH Program Administrator, at emily.robinson@tea.texas.gov or 512-463-9414.