

**Information for Teachers Regarding the
ABE Student Assessment during the 2016-2017 School Year**

The Amgen Biotechnology Experience (ABE) has existed for 25 years but as of yet no systematic information has been collected regarding what students have learned from ABE. During the 2016-2017 school year, the Amgen Foundation has required that WestEd evaluators obtain additional evidence of the effectiveness for the ABE Program. WestEd will have students of some ABE teachers take a test that covers the content and skills found in ABE. The assessment will be used only for ABE program-wide statements. It will **not** be used for comparing program sites or teachers.

The assessment is a short pre-test taken by students before the ABE lessons and a short post-test taken after the ABE lessons. A random sample of teachers will be selected to participate in the student assessment.

For the sampling strategy to be adequately representative of the ABE program,
**all teachers who request and use ABE materials during the 2016-2017 school year will
need to participate in the student assessment study, if they are selected.**

Selected teachers will be required to administer the pre-test and post-test to at least one of their classes which have ABE lessons. Teacher can have additional classes participate in the student assessment.

Teacher's Name: _____

Teachers' School: _____

Date: _____

☐ I have read the above information about the 2016-2017 ABE student assessment and if selected I will participate in the assessment with at least one of my classes that participate in ABE.