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## Understanding Science Project Classroom Interview Force and Motion 2007-08

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First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum: \_\_\_\_\_ Class  
period/time: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:**

**Interviewer reads the following text to the teacher:**

In order to keep your data confidential, this cover sheet with your name will be removed upon receipt by the research staff, leaving only your ID number on the next page of the interview. This cover sheet will be stored in a locked cabinet, separate from the completed interview.

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Responses to this data collection will be used only for statistical purposes. The reports prepared for this study will summarize findings across the sample and will not associate responses with a specific district or individual. We will not provide information that identifies you or your district to anyone outside the study team, except as required by law.

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### **Before the observation<sup>1</sup>**

I'd like to audio tape this interview. Is that okay with you?  
Please let me know if you want the recorder stopped at any time, for any reason.

1. How would you describe the overall science ability levels of the students?
2. Tell me about the lessons we will be seeing. What topic or topics do you plan to cover in each lesson?
3. What will you and the students be doing during these lessons?

### **After the observation**

4. How did the lesson go? [What went well? What were you less happy with? What do you look for to see if a lesson is working?]
5. What do you think the students had difficulty with, and why? [What do you think they will still have questions about?]

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<sup>1</sup> The interview before the classroom observation is estimated to be 15 minutes long; the interview after the observation is estimated to take 30 minutes.

