

Family Internet Safety Agreement for High School Aged Students and their Parents.

In order to ensure responsible Internet use and safety at home, it is important for both teens and parents to discuss and come to an agreement upon what is safe and unsafe Internet use.

Below are some guiding discussion questions to help open the doors of communication between parent and child when it comes to safe and responsible Internet use.

1. **Teens:** explain to your parents some of the things you do online (i.e. chat on MSN? Play games? Visit and update social network profiles, such as Facebook, MySpace, etc.? Websites you visit? Email? Etc.)
2. **Teens:** explain to your parents why these venues might be important to you, what these venues involve and what they look like. *For example, MSN is important because.... Playing games is important because*
3. **Parents:** explain/discuss some of the things that concern you about the Internet (in general or specific to your child(ren)).
4. **Parents:** Discuss with your teens how some of these concerns can be addressed. You may want to **discuss/negotiate** and come to **an agreement** upon:
 - a. **Time Spent Online:** what an appropriate amount of time might be to spend doing “non-school” activities online.
 - b. **Where they are going:** what types of sites are appropriate to go to visit.
 - c. **What they are posting:** what types of pictures, video clips, comments, and personal information, are appropriate to post.
 - d. **Who they are “hanging out with”:** the people you are chatting with on MSN, playing games with, emailing, who you have accepted as “friends” on your social networking (i.e. Facebook, MySpace, Nexopia, etc.) profile.
 - e. **Privacy Settings:** how strict/how high your Privacy settings should be set on Social Networking (i.e. Face Facebook, MySpace, Nexopia, etc.) profile.
5. **Parents & Teens:** Discuss/negotiate the consequences that will follow if the agreements you have made with each other have been broken.

My child _____ in grade _____ and I have

- discussed the information on this notice
- made a family agreement about Internet use at home and at school

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Teen _____

Date: _____

