

Internet Beyond the School Screen Time Agreement

Child Expectations

I understand that using the family computer is a privilege that is subject to the following rules:

- I will respect the privacy of others who use this computer. I will not open, move, or delete files that are not in my personal directory.
- I understand that mom and dad may access and look at my files at any time.
- I will not download anything or install programs without first asking mom or dad.
- I will never give out private information while online. At no time will I ever give out my last name, phone number, address, or school name even if I know the person with whom I am communicating.

My screen name will be:

- I understand that I can use the computer for approved purposes only.
- I will never write or post anything online that I would not want mom or dad to see. I will not use

profanity or otherwise offensive language. If I receive messages or view content with offensive language, I will report it to mom and dad immediately.

- I will never agree to meet an online friend in person without first asking mom or dad. Dangerous people may try to trick me into meeting up with them.
- If I ever feel uncomfortable about an experience online, I will immediately tell mom or dad. I understand that mom and dad are willing to help me and will not punish me as long as these rules are followed.

Child's Signature:

Parent Expectations

I understand that it is my responsibility to protect my family and to help them receive the best of what the Internet has to offer. In that spirit, I agree to the following:

- I will listen calmly. If my child comes to me with a problem related to online experiences, I promise not to get angry but to do my best to help my child resolve the situation.
- I will be reasonable. I will set reasonable rules and expectations for Internet usage. I will establish reasonable consequences for lapses in judgment on the part of my child.
- I will treat my child with dignity. I will respect the friendships that my child may make online as I would offline friends.
- I will not unnecessarily invade my child's privacy. I promise not to go further than necessary to ensure my child's safety. I will not read diaries or journals, nor will I inspect e-mails or computer files unless there is a serious concern.

- I will not take drastic measures. No matter what happens, I understand that the Internet is an important tool that is essential to my child's success in school or business, and I promise not to ban it entirely.
- I will be involved. I will spend time with my child and be a positive part of my child's online activities and relationships—just as I am offline.

List of Prohibited Web sites and software applications:

Parent's Signature: