



OPTIONAL FAMILY PLEDGE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO REVIEW TOGETHER

The Bay Area Writing Project Youth Programs

Kids' Pledge

1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.
2. I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
3. I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.
4. I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.
5. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the service provider or BAWP Youth Programs.
6. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.
7. I will not give out my Internet password to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.
8. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt our computer or jeopardize my family's privacy.
9. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.
10. I will help my parents understand how to have fun and learn things online and teach them things about the Internet, computers and other technology.

Parents' Pledge

1. I will get to know the services and Web sites my child uses. If I don't know how to use them, I'll get my child to show me how.
2. I will set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use by my children and will discuss these rules and post them near the computer as a reminder. I'll remember to monitor their compliance with these rules, especially when it comes to the amount of time they spend on the computer.
3. I will not overreact if my child tells me about a problem he or she is having on the Internet. Instead, we'll work together to try to solve the problem and prevent it from happening again.
4. I promise not to use a computer or the Internet as an electronic babysitter.
5. I will help make the Internet a family activity and ask my child to help plan family events using the Internet.

6. I will try to get to know my child's "online friends" just as I try get to know his or her other friends.
7. I will make sure my child monitors their email and course online system accounts daily. This will be the primary method used by teachers to communicate with students.
8. I understand that teachers will hold office hours each day. During this time, families and students can contact the teacher to get help and support on assignments. Teachers can determine their office hours. These times are listed in the Teacher Contact Information documents.

I agree to the above terms I will help my child follow this agreement and will allow reasonable use of the Internet as long as these rules and other family rules are followed.

Child Sign Here

Parent Sign Here