Parent Survey of Internet and At-Risk Behaviors

1) PARENT CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Survey of Internet and At-Risk Behaviors

You are being asked to participate in a research study being conducted by Dr. Samuel C. McQuade, from the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies, at the Rochester Institute of Technology. You were selected because your child was selected as a possible participant in this study as a student in the Greater Rochester, New York Region. Your participation in this research study is completely voluntary.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The information gathered in this study will help teachers provide Internet safety, information security and cyber ethics instruction to your child and numerous other students in your school district.

PROCEDURES

The Survey of Internet and At-Risk Behaviors was developed by the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) on behalf of school districts throughout Greater Rochester. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked questions about your and your child's use of the Internet, computers and other electronic devices such as cellular phones. You will also be asked questions of a demographic nature such as your age, gender and about the types of computer devices you and your child posses or use to access the Internet.

COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:

There is no cost for participating in this study, nor will you or your child be compensated in any way for participating. Benefits of participating include contributing to knowledge and understanding about how and why youth use computers, and ways in which they are at risk when using the Internet. This information will influence the type and level of education your child and many other K-12th grade students receive. Findings of the study will be made available to the public in the summer of 2007.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS:

The survey instrument and data analysis procedures being used in this study have been carefully developed to minimize risks and discomfort. However, participants in this survey may become aware of sensitive information related to their use of the Internet, computers or other electronic devices. If at any time during this study you begin to become uncomfortable, or desire not to answer any further survey questions, you may choose to either exit the study.
incomplete survey by closing your browser window, or repeatedly click “next page” without answering any questions until you have submitted the survey.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS AND DATA:

All information obtained in the course of this study will not be attributable to you, your child or anyone in your family. Completed survey data will be retained on secure computers and accessible only to approved members of the research team.

You can choose whether or not to participate in this study. If you agree to participate in this study, you may withdraw your consent at any time without consequences of any kind. You are not waiving any legal rights because of your participation in this research study.

IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND RESEARCH INVESTIGATORS
If you have any questions or concerns about the research please feel free to contact:
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Or consult your district superintendent's office.

☐ Yes, I understand and wish to participate in the survey
☐ No, I do not wish to participate

Thank you for choosing to participate in this survey. The first two questions (below) ask you to provide your child's first name and the last three digits of the contact number you provided to your child's school. Please be assured that this information will only be used only for longitudinal tracking purposes and will remain completely confidential.

Researchers will not have access to this personal information, which is needed to compare your current responses if your school district elects to participate in additional studies.

2) What is your child's full first name?
(Note: Please provide your entire first name, not a nickname or alias)
3) What are the last three digits of your contact phone number?

4) 1) What is your age?

5) 2) What is your gender?
   - Male
   - Female

6) 3) What is your marital status?
   - Single
   - Married
   - Live with one or more other adults
   - Live alone - not with my children

7) 4) Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed.
   - High School Diploma or GED
   - Some College
   - Associate's Degree
   - Bachelor's Degree
   - Master's Degree
   - Doctoral Degree

8) 5) Please indicate your employment status
   - Work out of household
   - Work from home
   - Not Employed
   - Other (please specify)
   
   If you selected other please specify:

9) 6) If you live with another adult, please indicate their employment status:
   - Work out of household
   - Work from home
   - Not Employed
   - Not Applicable
   - Other (please specify)
If you selected other please specify:

____________________________________________________________________

10)  7) How old were you when you started using computers?

____________________________________________________________________

11)  8) Choose the extent to which you enjoy using computers

☐ Not at All
☐ A Little
☐ Somewhat
☐ A Lot
☐ Greatly

12)  9) Choose the extent to which you use computers

☐ Never
☐ A Little
☐ Some
☐ A Lot
☐ Constantly

13)  10) Please indicate how many of the following types of electronic devices are currently owned by members of your household? (Choose all that apply.)

☐ Desktop Computer
☐ Laptop Computer
☐ PDA (Palm, IPaq, etc.)
☐ Smart Phone (Cell phone with PDA Capabilities, including web browser)
☐ Cell Phone (Does not have Internet browsing capabilities)
☐ 1st Generation Gaming Console (Xbox, Gamecube, PS2)
☐ 2nd Generation Gaming Console (Xbox360, Wii, PS3)
☐ Portable Gaming Console (Nintendo DS, PSP)
☐ Portable Media Player (iPod, Muvo, etc.)
☐ Other (please specify)

If you selected other please specify:

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14)  11) Referring to the child whose name you typed in at the beginning of this survey, which of the following electronic devices do they routinely use? (Choose all that apply)

☐ Desktop Computer
☐ Laptop Computer
☐ PDA (Palm, IPaq, etc.)
☐ Smart Phone (Cell phone with PDA Capabilities, including web browser)
☐ Cell Phone (Does not have Internet browsing capabilities)
15) Referring again to the same child whose name you entered at the beginning of this survey, please indicate the extent to which they know more or less about computer technology than you do.

- Much Less
- Less
- Same
- More
- Much More

16) Please indicate the number of adults in your household who share in supervising computer activities of your K-12th grade children. (NOTE: By "adult" we mean a person who is not one of your children and older than 18.)

17) Including yourself, please check how often at least one adult is home when your the child referenced at the beginning of the study is also at home.

- Never
- Sometimes
- Quite Often
- Usually
- Always

18) Is the device that you use to access the Internet the same device that the child referenced at the beginning of this survey uses to access the Internet?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- I do not access the Internet

19) Bearing in mind the same child referenced at the beginning of the survey, please indicate which types of the following electronic devices are "theirs" (i.e., They have exclusive, personal and sole use of the device.)

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20) 17) On the electronic devices the child referenced at the beginning of the survey uses to access the Internet, is there...

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## Internet Security Software

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<td>A &quot;strong&quot; password requirement (e.g., 8+ random characters)</td>
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### 21) 18) How often does an adult in your household check the websites your child visits?

- Daily
- Weekly
- 2-4 Times per week
- Monthly
- Less than once a month
- Never

### 22) 19) Who in your household has an ability to control/monitor Internet access on computers or other electronic devices used by any of your K-12th grade children? (Choose all that apply)

- Myself
- Spouse

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Other Adult (person over 18 years of age, BUT NOT your children)
10-12th grade child/children
7-9th grade child/children
K-6th grade child/children

23) 20) Thinking about all of your children, where in your household are the electronic devices that they use to access the Internet located? (Choose all that apply)

- In a common area, such as the kitchen or living room
- In a secluded but shared area of the residence, such as a home office or basement
- In a child’s bedroom
- It is a laptop or other type of mobile device that is moved from room to room
- Not Sure
- Other (please specify)

If you selected other please specify:

______________________________________________________________________

24) 21) Please CHECK all of the online activities listed below that the child referenced at the beginning of the survey has engaged in during this school year: (Note: If unsure, leave that activity blank)

- Instant Message
- Read/Write e-mail
- Chat in online chat rooms
- Text message with cell phone/portable device
- Blog/Surf social networking sites (e.g. MySpace, Facebook)
- Generally browse the web with no specific purpose
- Create or work on their own web pages
- Research online for homework & school activities
- Shop online
- Watch videos/listen to music online
- Download music or movies through a P2P (Peer-to-Peer) client (e.g. Kazaa, BitTorrent)
- Play online video games
- Play massively multiplayer online games (MMORPGs)
- Visit online relationship or dating sites
- View or download pornography online

22) Please estimate the average number of hours per week that the child referenced at the beginning of the survey spent during this school doing each of the activities listed below (e.g., 0, 1, 2.5, etc.).

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27) Please indicate the overall amount of role modeling/guidance you personally provide for the child referenced at the beginning of the survey in each of the activities listed below:

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Church, club and sports activities combined |   |   |   |   |   |   |   

28) 26) How concerned are you that the child referenced at the beginning of the survey may get into trouble as the result of using a computer?

- Not at all concerned
- A little concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Quite concerned
- Very concerned

29) 27) During this school year have you caught the child referenced at the beginning of the survey using a computer for something that they should not have been doing?

- Yes
- No

30) 28) During this school year has the child referenced at the beginning of the survey reported being involved in a computer-related incident that was upsetting to them?

- Yes
- No

31) 29) If another one of your K-12 children are participating in the student version of this study, would you be willing to answer a few more questions about their computer activities? This will take approximately 5 minutes.

- Yes
- No
- No Other Children

Thank you for participating in our survey! Please click "Submit Survey" to finish.