The key to ensuring your child is safe online is education and trust. Read this pledge with your child and make sure that he/she understands it completely. Post the signed pledge somewhere prominent near the computer.

I promise I will...

- Always tell my parents immediately if something or somebody makes me feel uncomfortable, fearful, or threatened.

- Never give out personal information such as my real name, real address, telephone number, school name or location, schedule, password, or other identifying information over the Internet. If someone does ask, or if anything else suspicious happens to me on the Internet, I will immediately stop what I’m doing and get a supervising adult.

- Never respond to any message that uses profanity, suggests/encourages inappropriate behavior or is threatening. If I get that kind of message, or see that type of message in a chat room, I will print it out, log off, and tell an adult immediately so that they can contact the Internet Service Provider or appropriate agency.

- Never post photos of myself, my friends, and my family online or send them to anyone I do not personally know.

- Ask my parents before I do anything online that costs money.

- Ask my parents before downloading anything from the Internet to make certain I am not accidentally introducing malicious code which can damage the computer or accidentally breaking copyright laws.

- Gently tell anyone who I see engaging in unsafe Internet practices that what they are doing is dangerous.

- Help my parents figure out how to do even the simplest of computer tasks without laughing at them or acting totally superior because my parents trust me enough to abide by these rules, and I appreciate that very much.

Youth_______________________________________Date______________

Parent ______________________________________ Date______________