Virtual Worlds Parental Consent Form

We are preparing to start the upcoming Flat Classroom Project (http://flatclassroomproject.wikispaces.com) with the ___ class. This will be a very exciting project and will last for one month with classrooms around the world participating.

Students will be analyzing the emerging trends in Information Technology with a group of students from the five classrooms as they collaborate, create videos, and experience cutting edge trends.

This will be conducted during class time with _____ and they will allow them to work in the room at additional times as they request it. They may also access the wiki from home if needed.

Permission Form

Virtual worlds and educational gaming are part of the emerging trends that will be studied. Second Life and other collaborative gaming websites may need to be used by students as part of this process. In order to participate in the virtual worlds or educational gaming teams, students may wish to join and participate in the teen grids of these websites. During classtime and on school campus students will be observed at all times while using this game. However, If you allow your child to access these activities during this project, if your computer is a very new model and you have high speed internet they may be able to access these from home. These are world collaborative activities and while students will only be allowed access in the classroom to the teen grid and will be monitored at school, they could potentially interact with others beyond the control of the school. Students will be taught online safety skills for these environments and the teacher will report any issues to the monitors of said environments, but be aware that your student will have to be accountable for their actions and that they will have to communicate to the teacher if any problems arise. We want to use these tools for education purposes, however, there are always people in these environments that are not there for educational purposes. We therefore need your permission to give your student access to virtual worlds and multiplayer gaming environments particularly if they are going to be on either of these two teams. These two trends are part of their future and this is the only time we will use these environments during the course. You may wish to ask your student to provide you with their username and password for the environment. Please contact ____ at _____ should you have any questions.

Form

_____ Yes, I will allow my student to have access to the teen portion of second life and multiplayer gaming sites as approved by the teacher. I understand that they will be under supervision while at school but that I am to supervise them at home if I allow access to these sites at home. The school cannot be held responsible for the activities of other people while in these worlds although it will take steps to deal with any issues if they arise. I understand that if any issues arise that I will be notified immediately via e-mail.

_____ No, I do not wish my student to use virtual worlds or multiplayer educational gaming sites. I understand that my student will be assigned to a team that is not studying these trends and will be expected to fully contribute to their team's project.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Parent E-mail address: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Dated: _____

Notes/ Questions from Parent