

Key West Educational Foundation
Consent for your Child to Participate in Online Discussion Boards and Blogs

The staff at the Key West Educational Foundation feels that proper use of the Internet and its resources is a valuable addition to the learning process. The ability to use the Internet as a communication and learning tool is an essential life skill that all students should have. As a result, we selected the use of discussion boards and blogs for the following reasons:

- Discussion boards are often used in college courses and employment for the dissemination of information and assignments.
- Participation in a discussion board allows students to share opinions and ideas in an authentic and respectful way.
- Journaling in a blog, instead of on paper, allows the student to express their thoughts and ideas, while having ready access to those of other students.
- Blogs serve as powerful statements of students' academic progress, analytical thinking, and communication skills. They encourage students to engage in academic discourse in rigorous and relevant ways.
- Staff monitoring of blogging serves to model appropriate and safe online behavior.

The staff at the Key West Educational Foundation is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. The discussion board and blog sites used are kid-friendly sites specifically designed for student use. No personal information about students is disseminated or accessible by those outside the learning community.

To ensure that every student that participates in these online discussions does so with the consent of their parents, we ask that you sign this form giving your consent.

I _____ give permission for my child _____
(printed name) (printed name)

to participate in online discussion boards and blogs moderated by the Key West Educational Foundation.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

