

## Dear Student:

We want you to play video games, watch TV and movies and use the Internet in a fun and safe environment.

Your family is interested in your health and safety, too — not to mention your performance in school. That's why we've created a unique way to make sure you're playing the right games for you at the right times.

It's called a PACT, and it's a way you and your family can discuss what type of games and videos you can use and when you can use them.

The PACT is all about you — and how much fun you can have while staying safe.

So what are you waiting for? Make a PACT today!

Sincerely,  
**Robbie Bach**, President, Microsoft's Entertainment & Devices Division  
**Jan Harp Domene**, National President, Parent Teacher Association



Please visit Microsoft's partners for more information to consider when setting media use rules:

**Microsoft**  
www.microsoft.com/protect/family

**PTA**  
www.pta.org

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA**  
www.bgca.org

**ESRB** ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE RATING BOARD  
www.esrb.org

**GetNetWise**  
www.getnetwise.org

**iSAFE**  
The Leader in Internet Safety Education  
www.isafe.org

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN**  
www.missingkids.com

**STAYSAFEONLINE.org**  
National Cyber Security Alliance  
www.staysafeonline.org

*National Institute on MEDIA and the FAMILY*  
www.mediawise.org

**National Urban League**  
www.nul.org

**NetSmartz.org**  
www.netsmartz.org

**Parents' Choice**  
REVIEWING CHILDREN'S MEDIA  
Since 1978  
www.parents-choice.org

**staysafe.org**  
www.staysafe.org

**esa** ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION  
www.theesa.com

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## Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Congratulations! Your family is about to make a PACT to help guide your child's safety in the digital world. With your guidance, your family can enjoy various forms of entertainment as a fun and balanced part of their education and development.

Microsoft and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) have teamed up to encourage families to make a PACT — to decide on what types of media are appropriate for each child and where, when, and how your child may use them.

With a PACT, your family will agree upon:

**Parental involvement:** Who will set the guidelines?

**Access:** With whom can your child interact while online?

**Content:** What games and videos can your child use, based on ratings and content?

**Time:** When and how long can your child use a console, TV or computer?

Setting guidelines is key to promoting healthy habits in front of the screen — whether playing computer or video games, watching TV or using the Internet. No matter which game system you have, making a PACT will help promote healthy and balanced media use in your home.

Make a PACT today!

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P.S. You don't have to own a Microsoft product to make a PACT. But if your family has Xbox 360 or Windows Vista, Microsoft has built-in controls for parents to decide appropriate media use.

PLAY SMART. PLAY SAFE.  
**MAKE A PACT TODAY!**



A GUIDE TO HELP PROMOTE HEALTHY AND BALANCED MEDIA USE.

**Microsoft**

**PTA**

# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

This PACT is made between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*[Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)]* *[Student]*

We agree to make our home a safe and fun place to use media such as video games, TV and the Internet.

We will talk so that we each understand the guidelines set out by \_\_\_\_\_.  
*[Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)]*

# ACCESS

\_\_\_\_\_ is permitted to go online: \_\_\_ With adult supervision \_\_\_ Without supervision  
*[Student]*

Approval from a parent or caregiver is / is not required for accepting online friend requests.  
*[circle one]*

Student's online profile(s) will be visible to: \_\_\_ Friends only \_\_\_ Everyone \_\_\_ Blocked

\_\_\_\_\_ is allowed to receive voice and text messages from: \_\_\_ Friends only \_\_\_ Everyone \_\_\_ Blocked  
*[Student]*

\_\_\_\_\_ is allowed to use Web cameras with: \_\_\_ Friends only \_\_\_ Everyone \_\_\_ Blocked  
*[Student]*

To control access, privacy settings have been activated on all game systems and computers in our home:

# CONTENT

\_\_\_\_\_ is permitted to play games and watch videos with the following ratings:  
*[Student]*

ESRB Game Ratings: eC E E10+ T M MPAA Movie Ratings: G PG PG-13 R

TV Ratings TV-Y TV-Y7 TV-G TV-PG TV-14 TV-MA Ratings set on all systems:  Passwords set on all systems:

# TIME

\_\_\_\_\_ is permitted to use media (video games, TV and Internet) if (e.g., homework done):  
*[Student]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Conditions to meet]*

\_\_\_\_\_ is permitted to use media (video games, TV and Internet) \_\_\_ hours per day or \_\_\_ hours per week.  
*[Student]* # of hours # of hours

Timer settings turned on for all game systems and computers:

Our family agrees to this PACT and commits to maintaining a safe and healthy media environment in our home.

Parent/Caregiver Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information on Microsoft Xbox 360 Family Settings and Windows Vista's Parental Controls, please visit [www.xbox.com/familysettings](http://www.xbox.com/familysettings) and [www.gamesforwindows.com/familysettings](http://www.gamesforwindows.com/familysettings).

## Tips:

**Xbox 360 Tip:** Create a unique profile, called a "gamertag," for each family member. That way, you can choose the right controls or "Family Settings" for each gamer in your family.

**Xbox 360 Tip:** When you sign up for Xbox LIVE, you can manage your child's online activity by creating a child profile. The default settings for an Xbox LIVE child profile are the most restrictive. To change the settings, select "Edit Game Profile" and then "Privacy Settings."

**Windows Vista Tip:** When you sign up for Games for Windows-LIVE, you can view activity reports to see what your child is doing online. To monitor your child's online activity, go to "Parental Controls," click on "User Controls" and then "Activity Viewer."

**Xbox 360 Tip:** To set the types of games or videos permitted on your console, go to the "System" blade (far right when you turn on console) and select "Family Settings." Then choose either "Game Ratings" or "Video Ratings." Once you have adjusted those settings, choose "Set a Pass Code" to save them. Remember, choose a password your child cannot easily guess. For a Family Settings demo, visit [www.xbox.com/parentvideo](http://www.xbox.com/parentvideo).

**Windows Vista Tip:** To set the ratings of games permitted to be played on your computer, choose "Parental Controls" and click on "Game Controls."

**Xbox 360 Tip:** To set time limits on play, go to the "System" blade, then "Family Settings," then "Family Timer." Children will receive a warning message that their session is about to end, allowing them to save their progress.

**Windows Vista Tip:** To set time limits on system use, go to "Parental Controls" and click on "Time Limits." Children will receive a warning message that their session is about to end, allowing them to save their progress.

# PACT AGREEMENT