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## Parent Data Sheet

### Internet Communication and Devices

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#### The Internet

The Internet is a very popular worldwide computer network that allows individuals to communicate with people around the world using tools such as e-mail, instant messaging and web pages.

To provide your child with the best educational experience possible in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, Internet access through the school's computer network, and personalized e-mail, is available to your child with parental permission.

Delphi uses commercial filters to prevent access to inappropriate sites, but these filters aren't perfect. Since there are millions of sites on the Internet, you should understand it is impossible to screen out everything that might be inaccurate, offensive, illegal or pornographic. Delphi's educational program addresses how to maintain high ethical standards, which should help your child regarding ethical Internet and e-mail use. Ultimately it is your child's responsibility to stay away from inappropriate sites.

During enrollment, you will be given the opportunity to sign the *Enrollment Procedures* or *Summer Session Application for Admission*, giving your child permission to access the Internet. By signing the form, you agree that Delphi makes no promises about the Internet, and that Delphi assumes no responsibility for content or advice received by your child, or actions done by your child, on the Internet.

*If you prefer that your child not have access to the Internet while a student at Delphi, please send that request in writing to the Delphi Computer System Operator.* Because your child will be in the company of others who do have access to the Internet, and this interaction is outside of the school's control, this is likely to require extra communication between you and your child to prevent access you do not authorize.

Your child is expected to use the Internet sensibly and productively, and to abide by the school's guidelines and principles for Internet use, including the material in the *Student & Parent Handbook* (*Computer System* and *Computers Belonging to Students* sections.)

Delphi encourages you to discuss with your child any aspect of the Internet you feel is important so that your child can understand your concerns.

## **Communication Technologies**

In addition to the Internet, communication devices and technologies such as cell phones, camera phones, wireless e-mail and text messaging devices, and computerized instant messaging have also become very popular. If you provide such a device to your child, your child may receive communication from people unknown to you or view content that you may not want your child to see. Some cell phones and similar devices allow direct access to the Internet, bypassing the school's filtering software.

By providing your child with a cell phone or other communication device, you and your child are assuming full responsibility for your child's use of it. The school strongly recommends communicating directly with your child about what uses you will and won't allow.

Even if you don't provide such a device, your child will be in the company of others who do have such devices. Because this interaction is beyond the school's ability to control, you may need to talk to your child about using and sharing such devices and the communication you want your child to send or receive.

## **Questions**

If you have any questions, please contact the Delphi Computer System Operator.