



GenYES at Greenway Middle School

Dear Parent:

Your student has been chosen to participate in the GenYES class at Greenway Middle School this year. We are one of hundreds of schools across the country participating in the GenYES program. GenYES is a nationally recognized program with an exemplary rating from the U.S. Department of Education.

The goal of GenYES is to improve student learning through the use of technology. In the GenYES class, students learn technology and people skills and then partner with another teacher in this school to infuse technology and the Internet into their classroom lessons.

Through this partnership, students begin to understand the contribution that they can make to their school and community.

What are the benefits to students taking this course?

- Learn valuable technology skills including: Internet research, presentation skills, video, web page creation, multimedia design, and more
- Develop closer relationships with other students & staff
- Improve self confidence
- Improve public speaking and presentation skills
- Participate in an exciting high profile national project
- Become a vital part of a team that is changing our schools and communities
- Feel a sense of ownership and responsibility for their education

Your student will be issued an iBook and a backpack for its use. Please understand the responsibility that comes with this privilege. It must be used for GenYES and not be a disruption in another class. The laptop and backpack must be returned to Mr. Smith by the last week of school. Please sign the bottom for your agreement and understanding of the laptop use.

If you would like more information about GenYES, you can ask me, or visit the website at: <http://www.genyes.com>. You can also review the program materials or borrow a DVD that explains the program in more detail.

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Student Name _____ Parent Signature _____

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