

Blogging Opt-Out/Consent Form

I plan to use a classroom blog this year for the creation and posting of student research and writing. The blog is a fairly simple webpage in which all students in the Current Issues class will share space and have the privilege to author and share their thoughts. The webpage will be regularly used during the semester and I will be monitoring its content. Below are a few reasons why you might support its use by your student:

- Educational research shows that student blogging encourages deeper thought, promotes reading and writing skills and increases student’s overall classroom effort.
- Students will learn about sharing and commenting in the social media world within the safety of the classroom environment.
- We will be creating an open “archive of learning.” At the semester’s close, we will be able to go back to the beginning of the blog and see what has been learned and what perspectives have changed.
- To enhance the safety on our blog - search engines will automatically be discouraged from indexing our site and *a password will be required to view the blog*. Non-members will not have the ability to post anything to the page or comment on its content.

Edublogs.org is hosting our site and as the year progresses and you want to review its content or share your student’s work with family or friends. You may do so at any time:

Blog Address: *currentissues2017.edublogs.org*

Visitor Password: jacket17

The purpose of this form is to both inform you of the blogs existence/make it available to you while giving you the opportunity to opt your student out its use. Please fill out and have your student return this form if you would rather they not take part in this activity. If you are willing, I’d also be interested in hearing your concerns so that they might addressed in the future.

I **DO NOT** want my child to participate in blogging for their Current Issues class. I understand that they will not be allowed to post to the website and its comment boards, but instead that they will receive alternative assignments.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reason(s) for not participating

