



How CONNECTED are YOU?

A fun quiz from the office of Family & Community Partnerships!

Put a check mark (in pen or with your mind) next to each item that applies to you. For any box left unchecked at the end of the survey, follow the instructions listed to get yourself CONNECTED!*

Do you receive SchoolReach emails & phone calls with school news & announcements?

If not, call or send Tr. Jenny an email RIGHT NOW and request to be added!



Do you use the MMS Parent Portal to follow your child's grades in real time?

****Note: This is the Middle School Team's #1 recommended resource for ensuring your student's success!****

If not, call or send Tr. Jenny an email RIGHT NOW and ask for help getting set up.

Do you have your copy (either paper or electronic) of the 2011-2012 Student Directory?

If not, call or send Tr. Jenny an email RIGHT NOW and request one! (Are you detecting a pattern yet?)

Do you use the website calendar (www.independencecharter.com/calendar) and the website parents section (www.independencecharter.com/parents) to help you keep tabs on the details of upcoming events?

If not, go there! Look around! And also, alert Tr. Jenny when you find outdated information.

Are you a member of the ICS Community Google Group, where families can connect directly with each other to share resources and information?

If not, call or send Tr. Jenny an email RIGHT NOW requesting an invitation!

Are you following us on Facebook, where you can find fun extras about ICS?

If not, go "Like" us right now: www.facebook.com/independencecharter (unless you are philosophically opposed to Facebook, in which case I really can't fault you).

5 or 6 checkmarks = Way to go—you are as connected as can be!

3 or 4 checkmarks = You are definitely on your way—see if you can add another checkmark right now!

1 or 2 checkmarks = We need to hook you up! See the reverse of this page or call Jenny right away for a personalized consult to get you going.

Tr. Jenny's contact information: jennyh@icscharter.com, x2500 (Hours are 9:30-5:30)

*See the back of this page for further help/ideas if you do NOT have regular access to the Internet & a computer!

Don't have regular internet/computer access?

See below!



- Does your family qualify for **Comcast's Internet Essentials** program? If your child receives free lunch, you live in a Comcast service area, and you are not a current Comcast Internet customer, it is likely that you qualify for \$10/month Internet and a \$150 computer! Call them today to get the process started: 1-855-846-8376.

To complete your enrollment, you will need a letter from the school confirming your child's information. Contact Tr. Jenny to have this letter prepared for your family!

- Do you live near a **Freedom Rings community computer center**? Call 311 or the Freedom Rings Partnership Hotline (215) 851-1990 for more information and to find your nearest location. A representative from the organization will also be at our November PTA meeting with more details and information about classes and how you can earn a free computer through the organization.
- Can you find time once each week to visit your **local library branch** to check email and log into MMS to view your child's grades?
- Can you find time once each week to stop by ICS to use a **Parent Laptop** to check email and log into MMS to view your child's grades? (Contact Tr. Jenny to set up a timeslot!)
- Tr. Jenny loves to brainstorm solutions. If none of these options will work for you, or the whole idea of email and "MMS" just stresses you out, call her and we will figure it out!