

Cell Phone Agreement

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Congratulations! Getting a cell phone is a big big deal and we believe you are ready to take on this new responsibility. This device is a powerful tool that you will be using to communicate in a whole new level. Having a phone can be used for good but we also know that it can cause harm to you and to others.

We love you unconditionally and our priority is to always keep you safe. However, we cannot always keep you safe from forces unknown. We need you _____, to make the right decisions and understand there are consequences to all actions. That's why we want to agree on a smart set of guidelines for how and when to use your phone.

Read through the list and initial to show your agreement on each point. Just know that no matter what happens, you can come to mom and dad about ANYTHING. We are here for you always!

_____ I understand that having a smart phone comes with great responsibility. I realize that I can't have full access at once, but can earn more freedom over time. Mom and dad will decide when those evaluations will take place.

_____ I will always share my password with my parents and they have the right to check it at any time and understand it is for my safety as I learn to make wise decisions.

_____ I understand that nothing I do on my phone is private.

_____ I will leave my phone to charge in mom and dad's bedroom every night by 8:00PM and will retrieve it at 7:30AM during the week. On weekends, it will be returned to charge by 8:30PM and can be retrieved by 7:30AM.

_____ I will answer or respond to mom and dad's texts 100% of the time.

_____ I will not bring my phone to the table during any meals. This goes the same for at other people's homes.

_____ When I learn to drive, I will NEVER text and drive as it's not only dangerous but illegal.

_____ If I lose or damage the phone, I will repair or replace it with my own money. I am responsible for taking care of it and keeping it in good condition.

_____ I will always show good manners to the people in front of me by putting my phone away and looking into their eyes while they are talking.

_____ I will not be on my phone when we have guests or when we are invited to guests' homes unless there is designated technology time with the kids.

_____ I will alert my parents if I receive any inappropriate, suspicious or threatening texts and/or images. I will also tell my parents if I receive any harassing or bullying texts from someone. I will never get in trouble for something that someone else sends me as long as I tell my parents.

_____ I will not send any mean texts to anyone. I will never bully or harass anyone using my phone and this includes joining in on conversations that tease others.

_____ I will receive permission from my parents before downloading any app.

_____ I understand that texting, sending, or posting naked pictures (or pictures of private parts) can forever damage my reputation and get me into serious legal trouble. I will never send these types of photos.

_____ I understand that how I use my phone will impact my future in ways I may never know. My goal is to learn to be responsible with how I use this powerful tool, and to always use it in positive ways. I know that this also means that even when I'm older, I will need to seek accountability from others to help me make wise decisions.

_____ If I break this contract, I understand that my phone will be taken away for any amount of time decided by my parents.

Signature _____ Date _____