

Family Cell Phone Contract

I understand and agree that the use of a cell phone is a privilege, comes with responsibilities and is consequently, not a right. While this privilege allows for a certain amount of freedom and autonomy, it is based on the trust and may be at any time revoked. In an effort to manage both my expectations and yours, the following list has been developed and requires agreement to the following:

Ownership of Property

- The phone I am receiving is on loan to me and I have no ownership rights over it. I am responsible for replacing or repairing the phone should it be lost, damaged, etc.
- As owners of the phone, my parents must always know the password to the phone or have an administrative password to the phone and all apps.

Proper Use

- I will always promptly answer a call or text from my parents.
- I will leave my phone in the agreed upon spot and time with the charger each night before I go to bed. The phone will be shut off and charging all night.
- I will not call or text others during normal sleeping hours (9 pm – 7 am).
- My phone will be turned off or in silent mode during family meals and not brought to the table. Additionally, I will be aware of how my talking or texting affects those around me, and will stay off my phone when having a face to face conversation with someone.
- I will not take selfies while driving or riding my bike, or any other risky location.
- I will not keep my head down and looking at my phone so much that I am not aware of my surroundings.
- I acknowledge that my phone could be checked by my parents at any time. This includes checking texts, calls, photos, Internet search history, etc.
- I will not use my full name with my voice mail.

Digital Citizenship

- I will not use my phone to hide from, lie to, trick or deceive others.
- I will not text, email, say or post anything that is harmful or hurtful to others.
- I will not text, email, say or post anything that I would not say or show to a roomful of my peers and their parents.
- I will not reveal any personal information about myself while on the Internet. If I would not announce it to a stranger on the street, I will not post it online.
- I will not search for or view inappropriate material on the Internet. Additionally, I will not take or share inappropriate photos or videos as these are permanent, harmful, and potentially illegal.
- I will tell my parents if I receive something suspicious or alarming.

I understand the terms of this Cell Phone Contract and will abide by them. I also fully understand that if I violate these terms or otherwise disobey in respect to our family or my school, the following consequences will be received graciously:

- **The first violation:** I lose the privileges for a day
- **The second violation:** I lose the privileges for a month
- **The third violation:** I lose the privilege permanently and will incur the fees to terminate the cell phone contract.

Parent Signature

Child Signature