

CELL PHONE CONTRACT BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD

Child's Responsibilities

- This cell phone is given to me since I may need to call my parents due to emergencies. This is not a toy to play games or watch videos. My parents love me, and they want me to be safe and out of trouble. This agreement should help all of us to understand things better.
- Due to health hazards, I will carry my phone in my backpack. I will do my best not to carry it in my pocket or close to my body. I will limit my conversations so that my brain does not heat up and burn due to the microwaves. This causes cancer and death.
- Homework, classwork, other classes (like music) and other activities come first. If I am asked to turn off/stop playing/get off the phone, I will do so immediately with a respectful attitude.
- I understand that having a cell phone can be helpful in a emergency, but I know that I must still practice good judgment and make good choices that will keep me out of trouble or out of danger. This includes watching appropriate movies, and games.
- I promise that my parents will always know my phone passwords. I understand that my parents have a right to look at my phone whenever there's a need for them to do so, even without my permission.
- I will never share personal information such as name, address, phone number, school teams, age.
- I will keep my phone charged at all times. I will use the outlets in the living room to charge my phone. I will turn off my phone at night.
- I will not bring my cell phone to the family dinner table.
- I understand that my cell phone may be taken away if I behave disrespectfully, I fail to do my chores, or I fail to keep my grades up.
- I will obey rules of etiquette regarding cell phones in public places. I will make sure my phone is turned off when I am in movies, in restaurants, or quiet settings. I will turn off, silence, and put my phone away in public—especially in a restaurant, at the movies, or while speaking with another human being. I am not a rude person. I will not allow the phone to change this important part of who I am
- I will obey any rules my school has regarding cell phones, such as turning them off during class, or keeping them on vibrate while riding the school bus.
- I promise I will alert my parents when I receive suspicious or alarming phone calls or text messages from people I don't know - I will also alert my parents if I am being harassed by someone via my cell phone
- I will not use my cell phone to bully others. I will not send threatening or mean texts to others.

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- I will send no more than 20 texts per day.
- I will not take or send embarrassing photos of my family or friends to others. In addition, I will not use my phone's camera to take embarrassing photos of others.
- I will not install new apps without asking my parents first.
- I will NEVER use my phone or social media to bully or tease anyone, even if my friends think it's funny.
- I will not lie about where I have been or how I am using the phone. I promise to answer questions openly, honestly, and directly.
- I will immediately stop whatever I am doing if I see or hear bad language or see videos that are inappropriate for kids.
- I will not go over our plan's monthly minutes or text message limits. If I do, I understand that I may be responsible for paying any additional charges or that I may lose my cell phone privileges.
- I understand that my parents own the my cell phone, I am responsible for knowing where my phone is, and for keeping it in good condition. If it gets damaged or lost, I will pay for it.
- I will not watch videos on my phone on cellular network. I can watch appropriate movies on wifi network. My parents are to set my time limits.
- I understand that having a cell phone is a privilege, and that if I fail to adhere to this contract, my cell phone privilege may be revoked.

Parent's Responsibilities

- I understand that I will make myself available to answer any questions my kid might have about owning a cell phone and using it responsibly.
- I will support my child when he or she alerts me to an alarming message or text message that he or she has received.
- I will alert my child if our cell phone plan changes and impacts the plan's minutes.
- I will give my child _____ warning(s) before I take his or her cell phone away.

• Signed _____ (Child)

• Signed _____ (Parents)

• Date _____

School Policies

Copy school's cell phone usage policies here.