

CELL PHONE

agreement

Congratulations! Getting a cell phone is a 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 on a whole new level. Having a phone can be used for good, but we also know that it has the potential to cause harm to you and others. We love you unconditionally, and our priority is always to keep you safe. However, we cannot always keep you safe from unknown forces. We need you, _____, to make the right decisions and understand that 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.

- I understand that having a smartphone comes with great responsibility.
- 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 _____ (not in my bedroom) every night by __ pm and will retrieve it no earlier than __ am during the week.
- I will answer or respond to mom and dad's calls or texts 100% of the time.
- I will put my phone away during any meals. This goes the same for other people's homes.
- When I learn to drive, I will NEVER text and drive as it's dangerous and 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 not be so preoccupied with my phone that I ignore situations or people around me. 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 alert my parents if I receive any inappropriate, suspicious, or threatening texts and/or images. I will also tell my parents if I receive harassing or bullying texts from someone.
- I will not text, email, or say anything through this device you would not say in person. 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 always use it in positive ways.
- I understand that life mostly happens outside of a screen because of that, I will keep my eyes up, and always look to see the world happening around me.
- If I break this contract, I understand that my phone will be taken away for any amount of time decided by my parents.

Signed: _____

Date: _____