

# Cell Phone Contract

I acknowledge that I have been given a cell phone to use, and that it is a privilege. With this privilege comes freedom, but also additional responsibility and trust. As the recipient of this privilege, I agree to the following:

## Ownership of Property

- I do not own this phone as it is being loaned to me. I am responsible for replacing or repairing the phone should it smash into a million pieces on the ground, fall into the toilet, vanish into thin air, etc.
- As owners of the phone, my parents must always know the password to the phone.

## Proper Use

- I will always promptly answer a call or text from my parents.
- I will leave my phone in the agreed upon spot 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. 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 pictures and/or video of everything I do or encounter. I understand that pictures and videos are wonderful to have, but I will not forget to live in the moment.
- I will not take selfies in risky locations such as train tracks, the edge of balconies or stairs, while driving or riding my bike, etc.
- 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.

## Digital Citizenship

- I will not use my phone to hide from, lie to, trick or deceive others.
- I will be a good friend and 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. This includes anyone harassing or bullying me online.

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, I will lose my phone for an amount of time appropriate to fit the punishment. Then, with grace, we will start over again.

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Child

Date

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Parent

Date