

Parent-Child Electronic Devices Contract

The devices you are using belong to the Parental Units. We allow you to use them because we trust you and believe you are a **good person capable of making good choices**, and provided that you abide the terms below. If you do not do so, your device will be taken away and you will have to earn them back by showing us that you are mature and responsible to use it again.

1. We will always know the **passwords** for your devices, any apps and related social media accounts.
2. Always answer calls from your Parental Units. If you miss a call/text from them, return it immediately.
3. Give the devices to a Parental Unit when you get home so that you can get your homework done. Unless you need to do research - *this will be done in the presence of the Parental Units*. We are helping you stay focused by reducing temptation to stray from the task at hand - HOMEWORK.
4. You will get **one** device back once you have shown one of the Parental Units your completed homework and got your Homework Diary signed. You will then have until _____ **pm SHARP** to enjoy it.
5. Usage of the home internet connection is limited to _____mb per month. If this is depleted before the end of the month, you will be responsible to top up your account.

NOTE: All **chores** must be done regardless, and no devices during dinner. Remember, chores are there to teach you how to be responsible. There will be no devices during dinner because we love you and want to spend some quality family time with you then.

6. **Live in the moment, not on your phone.**
7. Be **polite** and **respectful**. Your device is not around at mealtimes or in use while speaking with someone.
8. If any adult asks you to stop talking or texting, you will do so with a respectful attitude.
9. **Follow school rules** about devices and internet use.
10. If something happens to your devices, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPLACEMENT COSTS OR REPAIRS**. This is true if they are in your possession or a friend does something to them.
(May we recommend starting an emergency fund just in case?)
11. **Be kind** always: online and in person. Also, be honest. Do not use your phone to speak badly about another human being. Any form of bullying or rude behavior will result in loss of the phone. (PTO)
12. Ask permission before taking and sharing photographs/videos of someone else.
13. Do not text, email, or say anything to someone that you would not say out loud to them or their parents. If there's ever any doubt, do not send/post/share it.
14. Keep your private parts private. **Don't search/view/share anything you wouldn't share at the dinner table**. If you do share such images, you could be criminally charged, even if the photos are your own!
15. Your browser history may NOT be deleted at any time – make your searches something you're proud of!

- 16. Remember that the Internet is forever. You will be tempted to do something questionable or risky. Know that what you do on the Internet can impact your life today and well into the future. Don't do it. If you don't want to explain it to your oldest relative or future boss, don't do it.
- 17. If you have a question about anything, ask a Parental Unit.
- 18. You will make mistakes and there will be consequences. We will deal with that together. We will monitor your devices and internet use regularly, including text messages, emails, videos, downloads and apps. If there's an issue, we will discuss it together.

Our job is to help you be safe and responsible. We **LOVE** you.

Signed:

Kid: _____

Parental Unit: _____

Parental Unit _____

