**CELL PHONE CONTRACT**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The phone belongs to Mom. She is loaning it to me. Mom is awesome. I’ve always thought this.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** provide my passcode/passwords to Mom. If I change my passcode/passwords, I **WILL** provide her with the new ones.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I **WILL** answer the phone using polite manners. I will say “Hello.” I **WILL** **NOT** ignore a phone call from Mom or Dad. **NOT EVER**.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** hand the phone to Mom or Dad promptly at 8:00pm every school night (Sunday – Thursday) and every weekend night (Friday and Saturday) at 9:00pm. They will not need to ask nor remind me to hand over the phone. It will be powered off each night and powered on again at 7:00am.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** walk to/from school and other places with the phone put away. I **WILL** talk with my friends as we walk together. I **WILL** monitor my younger siblings and other children under my care as we walk home. I **WILL NOT** be a target for someone interested in stealing the phone and/or causing me harm.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** hand over the phone when asked by Mom or Dad immediately upon request. I **WILL** **NOT** say ‘just a sec,’ ‘hold on,’ ‘in a minute,’ or other similar phrases. I **WILL** simply hand the phone over. Immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I understand that Mom and Dad **WILL** read my texts and emails and **WILL** monitor the phone records through any means necessary. I understand if Mom or Dad finds inappropriate activity or access to unsuitable information, the phone **WILL** be confiscated for an amount of time determined by Mom or Dad.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL NOT** use this technology to lie, fool, or deceive another human being. I **WILL NOT** involve myself in conversations that are hurtful to others. I **WILL** be a good friend first but **WILL NOT** participate in any negative conversations about others via texting or talking. I **WILL NOT** use the cell phone to bully another person.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL NOT** text, email, or say things that I would not say in person. I **WILL** tell Mom or Dad immediately if someone is texting, emailing or saying something inappropriate and show Mom or Dad the text or email.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL NOT** text, email, or say anything to someone that I would not say out loud with my parents or their parents in the room.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** alert my parents when I receive suspicious or alarming phone calls or text messages. I **WILL** also alert my parents if I am being harassed.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** only search the internet for information I would view, read, etc., with Mom or Dad. If I have a question about anything, I will ask my parents. No matter how embarrassing.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** turn off, silence, and/or put the phone away in public, especially in a restaurant, at the movies, or while speaking with another human being. I **WILL NOT** be rude. If I receive a text or call while talking to or spending time with someone, I will ignore the text or phone call until a more appropriate time (unless it’s Mom or Dad calling me).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL NOT** send or receive pictures of my private parts or anyone else’s private parts. It could ruin my life. It is always a bad idea. I will not damage or destroy my reputation nor the reputation of others.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** only take and/or send photos of other people if I have their clear and explicit permission. I **WILL NOT** take embarrassing photos of others nor send embarrassing photos of my family or friends to others. In addition, I **WILL NOT** post any photos of any kind online.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** stay within our plan's monthly data limits. If I go over the data limits, I **WILL** be responsible for paying any additional charges or lose cell phone privileges for one week.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** be responsible for knowing where the phone is and for keeping it in good condition.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** be responsible for the replacement costs or repairs if my phone is broken, lost or stolen. I **WILL** earn the money by working for someone outside of our house (mowing a lawn, babysitting, etc.), or using birthday/Christmas money. It will happen, so I will start a savings plan so that I am prepared.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL NOT** bring the phone to the dinner table, church services, or other social/religious events unless I have explicit permission from Mom or Dad.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** lose phone privileges for the following reasons:

* Argue with/talk back to my parents: up to 24 hours per incident
* Verbally mistreat my siblings: up to 24 hours per incident
* Lie to my parents: 2-72 hours per incident
* Harm a sibling or other child: minimum 24 hours per incident
* Fail to do my assigned chores on my assigned day(s): 24 hours per incident
* Caught using during off hours without permission (8/9:00pm – 7:00am): 1 week
* Act in a manner that causes school to call/email/send home a letter to parents: punishment determined ad hoc based on situation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** obey the rules of my school regarding cell phones, such as keeping them on vibrate or turning them off during class, at lunch and during school functions.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** maintain As and Bs throughout the entire school year at all times (no more than two Cs). If I have any grades of D, E, or F, or if I am missing assignments, I **WILL** lose phone privileges until my grades are brought back up and all of my assignments are handed in and graded.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL NOT** take pictures or videos of situations that require emergency assistance. I **WILL** call 911 to report emergencies (such as fires, car accidents, injury requiring hospital visit, robbery, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL NOT** hand the phone to other people (including friends but especially not strangers). I **CAN** offer to call someone for help on their behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL NOT** download anything without permission from Mom, including but not limited to apps, music, songs, videos, and photos.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** use wifi as often as possible (prevents data overage). I **WILL NOT** use the phone to watch videos.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** practice good judgment and make good choices that will keep me out of trouble and/or out of danger.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** mess up sometimes and Mom and Dad **WILL** take away the phone. We will sit down as a family and talk about it. We will start over again. We are on the same team. I **WILL NOT** throw a tantrum when this happens. I **WILL NOT** say I didn’t know or the rules were not clear.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I **WILL** adhere to this contract and understand that if I do not follow the rules outlined in this contract, phone privileges **WILL** be revoked. **I understand that this contract may be revised at any time by Mom or Dad without warning should they deem it necessary**.

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