



Parent/Child Cell Phone-Smart Phone Agreement



Dear _____,
Son /Daughter Name

You are now the proud owner of an iPhone. "Finally"! You are a good & responsible ___ year old boy / girl and you deserve this gift. But with the acceptance of this present comes rules and regulations. Please read through the following contract. I hope that you understand it is my job to raise you into a well rounded, healthy young man / woman that can function in the world and coexist with technology, not be ruled by it. Failure to comply with the following list will result in termination of your iPhone ownership.

I love you madly & look forward to sharing several million text messages with you in the days and years to come.

- 1. It is my phone. I bought it. I am paying for it. I am loaning it to you.**
- 2. I will always know the password.**
- 3. If it rings, answer it. It is a phone. Say hello, use your manners.**
Do not ever ignore a phone call if the screen reads "Mom or Dad". Not ever.
- 4. Hand the phone to me promptly at 9:00pm every school night & every weekend night at 10:00pm unless I ask for it sooner. It will be shut off for the night and turned on again in the morning. If you would not make a call to someone's land line, wherein their parents may answer first, then do not call or text. Listen to those instincts and respect other families like we would like to be respected.**
- 5. If it falls into the toilet, smashes on the ground, or vanishes into thin air, you are responsible for the replacement costs or repairs. You must tell me immediately. It will happen, you should be prepared, start putting money aside now.**
- 6. Do not use this technology to lie, fool, or deceive another person. Do not involve yourself in conversations that are hurtful to others. Be a good friend first and stay out of the crossfire.**
- 7. Do not text, email, or say anything through this device (or any others) you would not say in person.**
- 8. Do not text, email, or say anything to someone that you would not say out loud with their parents or me in the room. Censor yourself.**
- 9. Search the web for information you would openly share with me. If you have a question about anything, ask an adult – preferably me.**
- 10. Turn it off or silence it in public. Especially in a restaurant, at the movies, or while speaking with another person. You are not a rude person; do not allow the iPhone to change that.**
- 11. Do not send or receive pictures of your private parts or anyone else's private parts. Don't laugh. Someday you will be tempted to do this despite your high intelligence. It is risky and could ruin your teenage/college/adult life. It is always a bad idea. Cyberspace is vast and more powerful than you are. It is almost impossible to make anything of this magnitude disappear – including a bad reputation.**
- 12. You will mess up. I will take away your phone. We will sit down and talk about it. We will start over again. You and I, we are always learning. I am on your team. We are in this together.**

It is my hope that you can agree to these terms. Most of the lessons listed here do not just apply to the iPhone, but to life. You are growing up in a fast and ever changing world. It is exciting and enticing. Keep it simple every chance you get. Trust your powerful mind and giant heart above any machine. I hope you enjoy your awesome new iPhone.

I love you.

Mom/Dad

I promise to follow and obey all of the above 12 rules at all times; any additional rules we establish and agree upon.

Son / Daughter - Signature