

## Parent/Student Cell Phone Agreement

The "iGeneration" (those born from the early 2000s on, who do not remember a time without technology) is growing into their teenage years, and being connected is already a lifelong reality for them. As Parents, it is important to set guidelines to help your children learn how to use technology responsibly. Below is an agreement you can use with your child when they have a cell phone.

### Why I got you this cell phone:

- **I love you** and want you to be safe and able to connect with your family.
- **I believe you are responsible** enough for this privilege and this agreement.
- **I want to help you grow** in responsible use of technology.
- **I trust you** to honor my wishes in its use.

### Student Agreement:

- I will remember the ideas behind this cell phone and **not take the privilege for granted**.
- I will **always answer calls from my parents**. If I miss a call, I will call them back immediately.
- I will be **thoughtful of others** in my cell phone use. If my parents ask me to end a call or stop texting, I will.
- My parents will always **know my password** and be welcome to see what is on my phone.
- **I will not change my phone settings** without my parent's permission.
- I will **not give out my number** to anyone without first clearing it with my parents.
- I will not bring **my phone to school** if it is against the rules. If allowed, I will keep it in my backpack, ringer off during class.
- I will **not use my phone** for any purpose after \_\_\_\_pm on a school night or after \_\_\_\_pm on a non-school night, unless approved by my parents.
- I will not say anything to anyone using the cell phone that I wouldn't say to them in person **with my parents listening**.
- I will **never send hurtful**, harassing or threatening text messages, photos or videos.
- I will not take, send, or post a picture or video of anyone **without that person's permission**.
- I will insure that my parents **approve of all content** on my phone.
- I will **not incur extra charges** on this phone for downloads, games, music or toll numbers without my parent's consent first, and **I will pay** for any approved extra charges.

### Parent Agreement:

- I bought this phone, **I will pay for it** and will loan it to you.
- I will **respect your privacy** when you are talking on the phone.
- If I have a concern, I will talk to you and **we will look at your phone together**.
- **If you mess up**, I will take your phone. We will sit down and talk about it. We will start over again. We are always learning and I am on your team. **I will be reasonable** with consequences.

This may seem like a lot, but it all boils down to a wisdom and common courtesy that apply to **all of life**, not just phones. A phone is a means to communicate and should reflect your kindness and honor. I believe that you can show your mastery of yourself and technology with these terms.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_