

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Congratulations! You are now the proud owner of an iPhone. You are a good and responsible teen 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 our job to raise you into a well rounded, healthy young adult that can function in the world and co-exist with technology, not be ruled by it. Failure to comply with the following list will result in termination of your iPhone ownership.

We love you very much and look forward to sharing several million text messages with you in the days to come.

1. It's your phone, but we pay for the service and provide you with food and shelter. We pay for it. Aren't we the greatest?
2. We will always know the password. Changing of password will result in loss of ownership for one week.
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 ever.
4. Phone must be on our dresser promptly at 9 p.m. every school night and every weekend night at 10:00 p.m. It will be shut off for the night and turned on again at 7:30 a.m. 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. ONE MINUTE PASSED THE DESIGNATED TIME WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF PHONE FOR THE NEXT DAY.
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***. Mow a lawn, babysit, stash some birthday money. It will happen, you should be prepared.
6. Do not use this technology to lie, fool, or deceive another human being. Do not involve yourself in conversations that are hurtful to others. Be a good friend first or stay the hell out of the crossfire. **(Stay out of drama)**
7. Do not text, email, or say anything through this device 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 in the room. Censor yourself. If we find out you're having a "cyber" relationship without our knowledge, it ends immediately and we'll go to the parents.
9. No porn. Search the web for information you would openly share with me. If you have a question about anything, ask a person — preferably us.
10. Turn it off, silence it, put it away in public. Especially in a restaurant, at the movies, or while speaking with another human being. You are not a rude person; do not allow the iPhone to change that.

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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. And it is hard to make anything of this magnitude disappear — including a bad reputation.

12. Don't take a zillion pictures and videos. There is no need to document everything. Live your experiences. They will be stored in your memory for eternity.

13. Leave your phone home sometimes and feel safe and secure in that decision. It is not alive or an extension of you. Learn to live without it. Be bigger and more powerful than FOMO (fear of missing out).

14. Download music that is new or classic or different than the millions of your peers that listen to the same exact stuff(rap). Your generation has access to music like never before in history. Take advantage of that gift. Expand your horizons.

15. Play a game with words or puzzles or brain teasers every now and then.

16. Keep your eyes up. See the world happening around you. Stare out a window. Listen to the birds. Take a walk. Talk to a stranger. Wonder without googling.

17. You will mess up. We will take away your phone. We will sit down and talk about it. We will start over again. We are always learning. We are on your team. We are in this together.

18. You must have A's and B's in order to keep this phone and privilege. ***You're only allowed ONE C+, If you get 2 C's you lose the phone until grades improve.***

19. Any social media that you have, you must friend us and we will have the password. Again, changing of passwords will result in loss of phone. PERIOD.

20. Do NOT take phone into the bathroom during long poops or showers! If you do, you lose access to your phone for the whole next day. ROOMS WILL ALWAYS BE ORGANIZED AND BEDS WILL BE MADE OR YOU LOSE PHONE FOR THE DAY.

It is our 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. We love you. We hope you enjoy your awesome iPhone.

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MOM AND DAD