

SAMPLE CELL PHONE CONTRACT: A NWSA FAMILY'S AGREEMENT

Having a phone is a privilege, and that privilege may be revoked or suspended at any time. I understand that my phone is the property of my parents.

The purposes of having a phone, in order of importance are:

1. Communicating with my parents
2. Location services for my parents
3. Being aware of events on the calendar
4. Notification and access to school information
5. Communicating with other family members
6. Communicating with friends
7. Games/Apps

No apps may be loaded on the phone without prior permission from my parents.

I may only communicate in writing using email (gmail or CMS mail) or the iMessage app. I may also communicate for school purposes using remind. I may not use any other in-app messaging.

I will not delete any messages, texts or other communications from my phone without my parents' knowledge. My parents will set or have access to all passwords or lock codes.

I will not take anyone's picture without their permission. I will not share photos of anyone that could be embarrassing. I will not take pictures of anyone who is asleep or who is not fully dressed. If any person who is in any photo that I have posted asks me to remove the photo or take down that post, I will do so immediately and without question.

I will show my parents any questionable communications I receive. I will not respond without consulting my parents. I will only represent myself, and will not have multiple online user identities.

I will not put any sensitive personal information in writing, such as discussing sexual orientation or experiences. I will not write any disparaging messages about my teachers or friends. I will not write anything to anyone that I would not be willing to have publicly disseminated. I will never write about violence or drug use, even if I consider it a joke. I will not write texts or emails while angry, I will avoid using ALL CAPS or inappropriate language.

My phone will be plugged in overnight downstairs. My phone will not be available for my use between the hours of 9:00 pm and 8:00 am, without specific permission from my parents.

If I cannot follow the rules for my phone, I will lose use of my phone. Subsequent incidences or repeat violations will have harsher penalties and may result in permanent loss of my phone.