

**Family Contract Agreement
Internet, Social Media, Computers, & Mobile Device**

Child/Teen:

Parent/Caregiver:

Date:

Child/Teen:

- I understand that the ownership and use of the Internet, or mobile device is an earned privilege. **Initial here:** _____
- I understand that online privacy can be earned by showing consistent good digital literacy and maturity over time. **Initial here:** _____
- I understand that unless I have purchased the computer or mobile device that I possess, ownership of the computer or mobile device remains the property of my parent/caregiver as they have signed the contract, also known as the “Terms Of Service” for the computer or mobile device that I possess. **Initial here:** _____
- It is my responsibility for the safekeeping of the computer or mobile device provided to me by my parents/caregiver. If I lose or damage my computer or mobile device, I will let my parent or caregiver know as soon as possible. **Initial here:** _____
- I will provide my computer or mobile device upon the request of my parent or caregiver. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not keep or use my computer or mobile device in my bedroom or bathroom without the permission of my parent or caregiver.
Initial here: _____

Carefully read each bullet with your child and engage in a detailed discussion about their meaning and intent. Once discussed, both the parent and the child initial each bullet point to indicate it has been read and understood.

- I will store and/or charge my computer or mobile device at night in a location designated by my parent or caregiver. **Initial here:** _____
- I will NOT knowingly remove, change, or circumvent any parental controls/monitoring software on my device. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not provide any kind of personal information about myself, or anyone else in my family, such as my full name, address, telephone number, or school that I attend to anyone online. This includes any online forms that ask for this information, without permission from my parent or caregiver first. **Initial here:** _____
- I will provide my parent/caregiver with the names of all my social networks, apps, and online gaming platforms, as well as their passwords, including the password for my computer or mobile device. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not change my username or password without my parent/caregiver's permission. If permission is given, I will make sure my parents have my new username and/or password. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not provide my password to anyone other than my parent/caregiver. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not use my computer or mobile device to bully another person, or in a way that can be reasonably seen by another person to be rude, mean, or disturbing in nature. This also includes the use of inappropriate language, text, pictures, or emojis. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not use my computer or mobile device to post or send any kind of naked, or semi-naked, pictures or videos of myself or others. **Initial here:** _____

- I will notify my parent/caregiver if anyone asks me to send them a naked, or semi-naked picture of myself, or if someone sends me a naked, or semi-naked picture of themselves. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not download or install any social media platform, app, game, or program onto my computer or mobile devices without asking my parent/caregiver for permission first. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not “purposely” visit sites online that contain primarily adult content such as pornography sites. I understand that sometimes this can happen by mistake or accident, and in such cases I will let my parent or caregiver know that it happened. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not buy or order anything online or provide any credit card information belonging to my parent/caregiver, without asking for permission first. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not meet with anyone in person that I have met online unless my parent or caregiver gives me permission to do so first.
Initial here: _____
- I will respect the house rules specific to the reasonable use of the internet, computer, or mobile device. **Initial here:** _____
- If I am continually being contacted by a person online that wants me to friend or follow them, or who makes me feel uncomfortable, I will notify my parent/caregiver as soon as possible. **Initial here:** _____
- If I receive anything online that makes me feel uncomfortable or strange, I will notify my parent/caregiver as soon as possible.
Initial here: _____
- If I make an honest mistake while using my computer or mobile device, I will notify my parent/caregiver as soon as possible.
Initial here: _____

- I understand that this “Contract Agreement” applies outside of the home when using the internet on “any” computer or mobile device, including those that are not mine. **Initial here:** _____

Parent/Caregiver:

- I agree that I will participate and ask questions about the online world of my child to help educate myself about today’s technology and how my child is using it. **Initial here:** _____
- I agree that I will not overreact when my child comes forward to let me know that something has happened specific to the internet, computer, or mobile device. **Initial here:** _____
- I will always consider that my child may have a “reasonable” explanation for breaching one of the conditions mentioned in this “Contract Agreement”. If they have a reasonable explanation, then there will be no punitive action taken. **Initial here:** _____
- I agree to set a good example when it comes to the use of the internet, computer, or mobile device. This includes, but is not limited to texting and driving, or posting inappropriate message, pictures, or videos.
Initial here: _____
- I will not place monitoring or filtering software on my child’s device without letting them know first, except in “exigent circumstances” to protect my child’s safety and well-being. **Initial here:** _____
- I will not use the password that my child has provided to me as a way to secretly spy on my child. Rather, I will only use these passwords to access my child’s computer, mobile device, social media account, or app only in an emergency. **Initial here:** _____
- I agree that I will continue to pay for the possession of a computer or mobile device and its phone, text, and data plan, as long as my child follows the conditions mentioned in this “Contract Agreement”.
Initial here: _____

- I understand that when I share my concerns with my child about their online activity, I should do so in a way that ties into where they are today, and it relevant to their life and appeals to their intelligence and experience. This will help them to make good online decisions.

Initial here: _____

- I agree and understand that my child will make honest mistakes. If my child comes to me in a reasonable amount of time and tells me what happened, I will help and will not punish them. However, if the actions of my child were not an honest mistake, or if they attempt to hide a mistake from me, I have the right as the parent/caregiver to take appropriate actions as I see reasonable as the parent/caregiver.

Initial here: _____

- Other Family Specific Conditions To Be Added if Needed:

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This "CONTRACT AGREEMENT" IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY BOTH THE PARENT AND CHILD. THIS AGREEMENT IS FLUID AND CAN CHANGE DURING THE ONE YEAR TERM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF BOTH THE CHILD AND PARENT/CAREGIVER. UNLIKE A CONTRACT, THERE ARE NO PENALTIES IF THE AGREEMENT IS ALTERED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD, PARENT, OR CAREGIVER DURING THE ONE YEAR PERIOD. AFTER ONE YEAR, THE AGREEMENT WILL BE REASSESSED AND CHANGED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD, PARENT, OR CAREGIVER BASED UPON THE CHILD'S GROWTH IN THEIR DIGITAL LITERACY AND MATURITY

Child's Agreement:

I agree to the above conditions for using technology, the Internet, online gaming, and social media. I also understand that my parents are setting these conditions because they love me and want to keep me safe.

Signature _____

Parent/Caregiver Agreement:

I agree to help my child follow these rules and will allow reasonable use of technology, the Internet, online gaming, and social media as long as these rules and other family rules are followed.

Signature _____