

REILLY'S CELL PHONE CONTRACT

Why a Cell Phone?

1. You are entering Middle School, and there will be times we will need to reach each other. Having a cell phone means we will always be in communication with you, even when you are not with us.
2. You are becoming a responsible, young woman, who is beginning to have more freedom. A cell phone is a tool to practice being responsible with that freedom.
3. Some of your friends are getting phones this summer. We like your friends, and want you to be able to interact with them in an appropriate way.
4. We know you have wanted a cell phone. We love you, and while we can't and won't always be able to give you everything you want, we want to give you this privilege.
5. It's something fun.

Reilly's Expectations

- The phone belongs to Mom and Dad. It is a privilege and on loan to me. M&D will always have full access to the phone (including passwords) whenever they want, and can take it away whenever they feel it is necessary to do so.
- The phone will not define who I am as a person. It will not become my identity, neither will it control me. Having a phone does not make me cool or popular.
- The phone is for making calls, text, music and pictures only. Email and internet are not to be used on the phone.
- I will not give out my phone number to *anyone* unless I have cleared it with Mom or Dad. If someone calls or texts me and I don't recognize the number, I will not answer it.
- All calls and texts from Mom and Dad will be answered immediately.
- I will always be polite when I answer and use the phone. I will never say or text anything that I would not say or text with Mom or Dad in the room.
- The phone will not be used before 8AM and after 7PM unless I am out and need to communicate with Mom or Dad. The phone will be turned off and left in the Living Room during off hours. I will not use the phone in my Bedroom. The phone does not come to the dinner table, or come with me during Family Time. It is not to be used while at Church, during Youth Service, or Midweek.

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- I understand that just because I have a phone doesn't mean I have to be on it. I will see and live the fullness of life, rather than let life pass by while staring at a small screen. I will not be distracted by the phone (i.e. Obsessed). I will continue my love for reading, soccer and bike riding. I will keep my head up, and won't always be checking for messages.
- School rules apply when I am at school. The phone will stay turned off and in my bag. If I need to reach M&D, I will make sure I have permission first. The only exception to this is if I am sick or if me or someone else is in danger.
- If the phone is lost or broken, it will be up to me to pay for a replacement.
- I will not take pictures of anyone without asking their permission.

Consequence: If I choose not to follow these expectations, I understand the phone will be taken away from me for a reasonable period of time. If I continue to choose not to follow these expectations, the phone will be taken away indefinitely.

The NEVERS

I will **NEVER** look at naked pictures of anyone. If I receive a picture of someone naked, I will tell M&D immediately.

I will **NEVER** send pictures of me or anyone else's private parts. They are private. Period.

I will **NEVER** use the phone to hurt, embarrass or bully anyone.

Consequence: I understand these NEVERS are serious, and I will lose all phone privileges.

Mom & Dad's Expectations

- We will do our job as parents to help you maintain these expectations.
- Because the phone is ours, we will pay for the monthly charges.
- We will respect your privacy while you are using the phone. We will never do anything to be silly or do anything to intentionally embarrass you while you are using the phone.

These expectations are in place because we love you. We know that things will happen, you will make mistakes, and we will need to take the phone away. We will be fair and reasonable, we'll talk about it, you will learn from it, and we'll start again.

Reilly's Signature

Mom & Dad's Signature