

Your Awesome Cell Phone Policy

RULES (because your parents love you):

1. **PASSWORD:** Dad and Mom need to know your phone password. We will occasionally check in to monitor what is happening on your phone.
2. **CURFEW:** Your phone curfew is at 9:00pm... meaning that there is no texting or calling after that time. Also, your phone needs to stay outside your room at night.
3. **BED, BATH, & BEYOND:** Your phone needs to stay outside your bedroom and outside the bathroom at all times.
4. **MEAL TIMES:** No phone at the breakfast table or the dinner table.
5. **HOMEWORK:** If your phone is distracting you from your homework, you may have to put it aside until your homework is finished.
6. **BOYS:** No calling or texting boys without permission. You are allowed to be part of group chats that include boys, as long as it is a legitimate group chat.

REMINDERS (because your parents love you):

1. **REPUTATION:** Remember that anything you post online (to Instagram, Facebook, etc.) is public. It reflects on you, our family and your testimony. (Proverbs 22:1, 1Peter 2:12, 1 Timothy 4:12, Matthew 5:16)
2. **STREET SMARTS:** Be careful who you share your contact information with.
3. **WISE WORDS:** Don't say anything in a text or an email that you wouldn't say to someone in person. (Matthew 12:36, Ephesians 4:29, James 3:1-12)
4. **FOCUS:** When at school or church, make sure your phone doesn't become a distraction from what you are learning.
5. **EYE PROTECTION:** Be careful on Safari or YouTube to only look at things that honor the Lord (Prov. 15:3 Psalm 119:9, Romans 13:14, Matthew 5:27-30).

REPERCUSSIONS (because your parents love you):

1. **PUNISHMENTS:** Failure to abide by the above will result in a loss of cell phone privileges.
2. **REWARDS:** On the other hand, as you prove yourself to be responsible with your phone, you will continue to gain additional privileges.