

# Common Sense media agreement for parents and kids grades 6-8

## I will keep myself safe.

- I will not give out any personal information, like my age, last name, address or phone number, or meet someone I've met online, without my parents' permission.
- I will not put myself at risk by posting or sending sexy or naked photos.
- I will block creepy messages from people I don't know.
- I will tell my parents or an adult I trust if anything happens online that makes me feel uncomfortable, upset or sad.
- I will not share my password with anyone other than my parents, even my best friend.
- I will set privacy controls and discuss with my parents when I want to create a social networking profile.

## I will think first.

- I agree that not all TV shows, movies, games, music and Web sites are right for me. I will talk to my parents if I am not sure what's appropriate.
- If my family has rules about ratings, I will follow them.  
The rules are: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- I know that not everything I read or see is true, and I will think about whether a source is credible.
- I agree not to download anything or fill out surveys without my parents' permission.
- I know that the pictures and videos I post online, and everything that I write about myself and my friends, will likely be online forever. Therefore I will not put anything on my profile that I wouldn't want my parents, teachers, college admissions officers or future bosses to see.

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Signed by Me

## I will be a good digital citizen.

- I agree not to bully anyone online or on my cell phone by sending pictures or sharing videos without the permission of the person(s) in the photo/video, or by spreading gossip, setting up fake profiles or saying cruel things about people.
- I agree not to use technology to cheat in games or on schoolwork.
- I agree to flag and report content that is inappropriate.

## I will keep a healthy balance.

- Even though I love media, there are other things in my life that I'm interested in. So I will help my parents set time limits that make sense and then I will follow them.
- I will help my parents understand why media is so important to me, but also recognize that my safety is more important to them than anything else.

## In exchange, my parents agree to:

- Recognize that media is a big part of my life, even if they don't always understand why.
- Before saying "no" talk with me about what worries them and why.
- Embrace my world: understand downloads, IM, online games and the sites that I like.

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Signed by my Parents