

Family Contract for Digital Citizenship

Kids' Pledge

1. I will not remember that not all people have access to or utilize technology in the same way. I will not treat others differently if they do not have the same options.
2. I will tell my parents or other responsible adult right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable. I understand that to have technology rights that I have to be responsible in my actions as well.
3. I will tell my parents if I experience any pain or discomfort when using technology. I will remember that I need to balance technology use with other activities.
4. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents or responsible adult right away so that they can contact the appropriate groups.
5. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for making purchases online. We will decide upon if and when online purchases can be made and secure sites for me to use.
6. I will treat others the way that I wish to be treated when using technology. I will keep in mind that my technology use affects others.
7. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt our computer or jeopardize my family's privacy. I will also keep programs such as anti-virus, spyware and adware up-to-date to protect our information.
8. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.
9. I will help my parents understand how to have fun and learn things online and teach them things about the Internet, computers and other technology.

I agree to the above

Child sign here

I will help my child follow this agreement and will allow reasonable use of digital technology as long as these rules and other family rules are followed.

Parent(s) sign here

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