

Common Sense media agreement for parents and teens in high school

I will protect my reputation and privacy.

- I will create privacy settings on social networking sites.
- I will keep my password private.
- I will not give out my personal information (like my address) to someone I don't know.
- I will not put myself at risk by posting or sending sexy or scandalous photos.
- I will not post anything on my profile that I wouldn't want my parents, teachers, college admissions officers, or future employers to see.

I will demonstrate my maturity.

- I agree to only use the Internet responsibly and not be hurtful to anyone.
- I agree not to use technology to cheat in games or in school.
- I agree to flag and report content that is potentially inappropriate.
- I will be mindful of how much media I consume and will balance it with other activities in my life.
- I will confide in an adult if anything potentially dangerous happens online.

I will think first.

- I know that not everything I read or see is true, and I will think about whether a source or person is credible.
- I agree to think about and understand anything I download or any survey I fill out.
- I will earn my independence and my parents' trust.
- I will help my parents understand why media is so important to me.
- I will show them how to use the tools that I like if they're interested in learning.
- I will recognize that my safety and well-being is more important to them than anything else.

In exchange, my parents agree to:

- Be open-minded about the media that I love and recognize that it's a big part of my life, even if they don't always understand why.
- Let me make some mistakes and help me learn from them.
- Before saying "no," talk with me about what worries them and why.
- Respect my privacy and talk to me if they have concerns.
- Embrace my world: try to understand downloads, IM, online games, and Web sites that I like.

Signed by Me

Signed by my Parents