

# Facebook Rules for Our Family

## An Agreement between Parents, Kids and Siblings

Our family enters into this agreement on this date of: \_\_\_\_\_

**The purpose of this document is to establish and agree to common ground rules and etiquette for our individual and shared Facebook experience as a family.**

### General Ground Rules for Parents and Kids

These ground rules are intended to:

- (1) **protect** each other individually,
- (2) **respect** one another and each others Facebook experience, and
- (3) **value and honor** our family name and reputation while on Facebook.

#### We will:

- 👍 Friend each other on Facebook.
- 👍 Use Facebook in a courteous and respectful way toward one another.
- 👍 Keep each other aware of new security breaches and privacy concerns on Facebook.
- 👍 Talk about our Facebook experiences with each other.
- 👍 Turn to one another if a Facebook-related situation makes us uncomfortable.

#### We will not:

- 👎 Embarrass or put down one another through Facebook posts and updates.
- 👎 Post information about private family issues on Facebook.
- 👎 Use Facebook as a way to “get back” at a family member.
- 👎 Bring up personal grievances or personal issues on Facebook.
- 👎 Shame the family name through what we do on Facebook.

### Non-Negotiable Rules for Kids

Having a Facebook account and being active on Facebook is not a right, but a privilege. To keep this privilege, I will follow these ground rules:

#### I will:

- 👍 Have only one Facebook account.
- 👍 Give my parents the current login and password for my Facebook account.
- 👍 Make my parents full-access Facebook Friends.
- 👍 Friend only people I really know.
- 👍 Comply with the Facebook curfew we agree to.
- 👍 Like Pages and join Groups that are appropriate.
- 👍 Delete any post, tag, photo, video or link my parents ask me to remove.

#### I will not:

- 👎 Post personal information such as our address, phone number or full birth date.
- 👎 Allow others to use my Facebook profile.
- 👎 Give my password out to other people.
- 👎 Write updates or comments that put down or ridicule my parents, my siblings or my family.
- 👎 Use inappropriate language such as swearing, sexual innuendos or racist remarks in posts.
- 👎 Use Facebook to threaten, bully, or stalk other people or slander authorities in my life.
- 👎 Post, email or chat giving info that could put myself, family members or our property in danger.

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## Commitment by Parents

Ultimately, parents are to care for, model, teach, discipline, and protect our kids. In real-life and online situations, as your parents, we are accountable for you and want to make sure you know how to act responsibly. We make the following commitments:

### I/We will:

- 👍 Be active on Facebook.
- 👍 Look out for your best interests and protection on Facebook.
- 👍 Log in and spot check your Facebook Profile, Inbox and News Feed on a regular basis.
- 👍 Communicate with you our concerns about material that needs to be deleted.
- 👍 Share concerns about Facebook-related situations or issues with you in person.

### I/We will not:

- 👎 Excessively comment on your updates or post things on your Wall.
- 👎 Post pictures or videos or comments that will cause great embarrassment.
- 👎 Parent you about chores or homework using Facebook.
- 👎 Complain or rant about you in updates or comments.
- 👎 Make comments, post information or pose as you when logged into your account.

## Facebook Access and Cur-few

Facebook can be accessed from (circle): **Home Friends School Library Other**

Facebook can be logged onto by (circle): **Computer Mobile Phone Game System**

Do kids need to have parent permission before logging onto Facebook? (circle): **Yes No**

The time range to access Facebook each day is from \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am/pm to \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am/pm

The maximum amount of time each day that Facebook can be logged into is: \_\_\_\_\_minutes

List any time or day restrictions not otherwise noted: \_\_\_\_\_

## Loss of Privilege

Privileges can be lost if the agreed upon ground rules and specific guidelines are not followed properly. Parents have the right to a range of punishment depending on the type and frequency of the offense including restriction from Facebook, deactivating the account, or permanently deleting the Facebook profile. The Facebook Rules for Our Family Agreement will be reviewed regularly.

## Signatures

We agree to the Facebook rules we have established for our family.

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Parent

Parent

Child

Date