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.

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.

_____ Signed by Me

_____ Signed by my Parents

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