



Is Your Child Ready for a Cell Phone?

Consider whether he or she is...

- Able to understand the cost of providing and using a phone and willing to stay within the usage limits you set.
- Ready to take good care of a phone (i.e., isn't likely to lose or break it.)
- Able to manage his or her time and not use the phone for socializing or entertainment when there is schoolwork to be done.
- Willing to answer when you call and call you when it's time to check in.
- Willing to talk with you about the apps on his or her phone and how they're being used.
- Able to use the phone politely in a way that respects the feelings of the people in the room or at the other end of the conversation.
- Willing to only share his or her location with close real-life friends and family.
- Ready to accept the consequences of breaking any family cell phone rules.

