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8th

School Committee
6/13/18

Wait Until 8th

- Pledge that empowers families to rally together to delay giving children a smartphone until at least 8th grade.
- By banding together this will decrease the pressure felt by students and families alike over the students having a smartphone.
- A pledge becomes "active" once 10 or more families from a **grade** at a school sign.
- This takes the pressure off because the pledge only kicks in once at least 10 families sign from your grade.

Statistics

- The average age a student gets a smartphone is 10 years old
- Children are spending between 6 and 9 hours a day on media
- 95% of teens have smartphones *
- 45% of teens say they are online “almost constantly” *
- 24% report social media has had a negative effect on their life *

* Pew Research Company

Smartphone Only!

- If you would like your student to have a basic phone that just calls and texts, you still can sign the pledge!
- The basic phone avoids many of the distractions and dangers of the smartphone.



How it Works

- Go to <https://www.waituntil8th.org/>
- Pledge
- 10 families take the pledge = Active
- Receive an email stating it is active along with list of all pledgers

The Pledge

Wait Until 8th pledge

Parent's Name *

First Name

Last Name

Child's Name *

Please sign a pledge for each child in your family separately.

Email Address *

School *

Please enter the full name of your child's school. Please do not use abbreviations.

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City of child's school *

Please provide the city your child's school is located. There are many schools with the same name across the country and providing the city helps to clarify the school.

State *

Please select the state your child's school is in from the drop down menu.

Zip code of child's school *

Country *

Please select the country your child's school is in.

My child's grade for the 2017-2018 school year *

Please select the grade your child is in for the 2017-2018 school year from the drop down menu. We will not switch to the rising grades until July. It is important to select the correct grade.