

Cell phones

How to help your minor student get a cell phone/plan

Minors will be able to get almost any no contract cell phone plan, and that could be through a variety of providers. For example, Cricket Wireless, AT&T, Republic Wireless (allows international calls via wi-fi), Verizon and Boost Mobile offer cell phone plans to minors who don't have a social security number. To get a phone, the student just needs to be able to pay for their phone and monthly service plan.



Reminders when helping your student set up a plan:

- Please remember to set up your student on their *own* plan as to avoid any confusion on payments. They will need to know they are 100% responsible to pay for their plans to continue. Ask the provider about auto-pay.
- Minors cannot sign a contract (choose a no-contract plan).
- Minors are not subject to credit checks.
- Check with the provider regarding coverage for the location of your home.
- Check with the provider regarding calls and texts to the student's home country. (They do vary with each provider.)
- Be sure students understand data usage limits.