



Cyber Rites of Passage Matrix

User Level/Age	Permissions
Tiny Tot or the “nonuser” (2 years and under)	Limited use of screen time closely monitored. Keep it simple and keep in mind that mostly the interface infants and toddlers require is human.
Early Ranger (3-5 years old)	The device should be used with strict supervision; the child should not be left alone with the device and passwords are not granted.
Ranger (6-10 years old)	Issued devices much like checking out a library book. They are issued the device (tablet, smartphone, or video game) for a designated timeframe and then returned. There is general oversight.
Junior Explorer (11-15 years old)	At this point, your child has demonstrated that she understands the importance of setting boundaries regarding who has access to his personal information (phone number, address, where attends school, etc.) and knowing the source of the apps being used. Has consistently followed the guidelines and house rules. Texting is permitted with monitoring; introduce social media with regular monitoring. Parents have all passwords.
Explorer (16 years and older)	Should be competent and trustworthy on social media. At this point, your child appreciates that there is no privacy, that you will be conducting random checks on texts and posts to social media. Parents have access to all passwords.

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