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Thread: [How Young Is Too Young for a phone?](#)

Gaming. - December 10, 2017, 6:50 pm

Technology is changing everything.

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Z?????????????eus - December 10, 2017, 6:52 pm

I don't think there should be an age limit, technology is advancing so quick and the technology on some of the applications actually help kids learn

Ice. - December 10, 2017, 6:55 pm

I believe kids should have "no tablet" days because while what Zues said is true, it decreases the chances of social skills and results in less time with family and/or friends.

Egregious Jr. - December 10, 2017, 6:56 pm

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dismayed - December 10, 2017, 6:58 pm

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Gaming. - December 10, 2017, 7:05 pm

(Dec 10, 2017 07:56 PM)Egregious Jr. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think there's a specific minimum age. I think that the child should be given the phone when they will need it.

That's actually true tbh.

Silent Uprising - December 10, 2017, 7:07 pm

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Yeah I agree. My first phone was a flip phone when I was in 6th grade and I was with a flip phone till 8th grade.

jde1045 - December 10, 2017, 7:07 pm

I think age doesn't matter, however they should be responsible and mature enough.

test - December 10, 2017, 7:10 pm

Around the age of 12-14 in this day and age. Depends how much they need it honestly.

Tony Stark - December 10, 2017, 7:21 pm

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parental controls enabled, I've seen it myself and there isn't much he can do on it besides what is enabled. It depends on each individual child, if they are mentally mature enough to abide by the rules of having the responsibility of a phone, I believe its fine. You can enable all types of time restrictions and more.

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Yeah that's two different scenarios that are true.

kad - December 10, 2017, 8:45 pm

I think 10 years old is reasonable

Kenjataimu - December 11, 2017, 1:38 am

I dont think it matters when a child gets a phone or tablet,
but how the parents make the child spend his time.

ie. hanging out with friends, doing family things, etc.

If your family doesnt do shit then you are going to get bored and play on your phone.

briend - December 11, 2017, 1:48 am

there shouldn't be any restrictions at all, why so much control ?

"I say never be complete, I say stop being perfect, I say let's evolve, let the chips fall where they may." -Tyler Durden

device - December 11, 2017, 3:32 am

I think kids should have a crappy phone that only makes calls and text and a PC at home.

If they want a phone then they can buy it themselves when they will have money to do so. Maybe they won't break them so easily then.

Haroshi [™] - December 11, 2017, 4:19 am

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Yeah that 4 hour average is actually more sadly kids these days... ?

Jallu - December 11, 2017, 5:28 am

I got my first phone at 6 or 7 (Them old nokias)

Smartphones are a whole differen't world and i can't really give an number.

SIM-1349466 - December 11, 2017, 5:48 am

I was 11 or 12 when I got my first phone. A flip phone. Still have it too haha.

HEISENPUG - December 11, 2017, 5:56 am

i didnt get my first phone till i was 18 lol.

Adob? - December 11, 2017, 6:08 am

It's ridiculous, I see children like 5 maybe 6 walking around where I work with iPhone's and shit.. I agree on having a phone when you're younger so you can get in contact with parents etc. But not that young and not A FUCKING IPHONE...

2SLiCKZ - December 11, 2017, 6:12 am

You should be giving them a flip phone, no kid should have a smartphone until their teenage years.

baka~ - December 11, 2017, 6:14 am

Personaly I would from 12/13 years and up is where they get phones and stuff but in reality I think it's just the way our society changes, let's say in like 20-30 years I don't think people will discuss a proper "minimal" age for devices like phones etc.

Nosi - December 11, 2017, 6:17 am

I'd give my children a phone as soon as they go to kindergarten. Not a smartphone tho, just something they can call and maybe text me and my family from, incase they are in danger at some point. Earliest I'd buy them a smartphone is probably after elementary school. I would want my kids to have a childhood, play outside etc. They could probably have other entertainment systems before tho, but for a regulated time daily, only.

snappari2 - December 11, 2017, 7:07 am

I mean as most people have said you should just as a parent feel/See when they're ready and give them the phone when they're ready and if they need it badly etc just enable all the parental control things on the phone.

Muh-jek - December 11, 2017, 7:53 am

For a phone like 13 Years Old.

Forsen_new - December 11, 2017, 8:17 am

I think kids should get their first phones early, at about 10. Not smartphones though, just a fucking nokia or whatev. Just to make it easier to communicate with them when they're outside.

SIM-3420445 - December 11, 2017, 8:20 am

They should at least 14 to start using mobile phones. Phones do have impact on children minds . 5-6 years is too young to have a phone.

Froggy - December 11, 2017, 9:09 am

It's up to personal preference.

I would give my child a cheap flip phone just for phone calls when they're between the ages of 6 and 13. I think it's important to be able to communicate with your child when they're not with you, as well as give them a way to contact someone in case of an emergency. I would start introducing them to smart phones at around the age of 14, which is when they're about to enter High School. Prior to that there's no reason for them to have a smart phone.

javinzplayer - December 11, 2017, 9:18 am

I see kids with phones when they are 7. Scary

The Unknown Coder - December 11, 2017, 9:26 am

Things like that cause brain damage hence, why people like Steve jobs didn't allow his kids to use them. Funny no?

So the less you use it the better period.

Get them a firefly phone.

Caliban - December 11, 2017, 9:33 am

11-13 seems to be ok

Personally i didnt have one til i was 14, but it was a different time

SIM-2223238 - December 11, 2017, 9:47 am

I got my first phone when I was 12, and it was a nokia. Never got a phone after it and I just bought myself one from doing jobs.