

# Kid Earning Program

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You can earn points according to the list below. There are some rules to this, of course:

1. Where time limits and ranges are noted, the task must be completed within that frame or it doesn't count.
2. Negative points can accumulate as quickly as positive points.
3. Earned points can be traded in for video games via Steam, for trips to various stores (financial availability required), or for special cash-specific occasions (going on trips, doing his own shopping). Cash requests **MUST** be made **at least a week in advance** to make sure that the cash is available.
4. Doing the bare minimum or an insufficient job will negate the earned point(s). As an example, choosing to take care of the floors but not moving chairs or vacuuming along the walls or ignoring sections with the shampooer will not earn points, regardless of how long the job took.
5. Dawdling and procrastinating will not earn points. Choosing to do a certain task, for instance, and then spending all day doing it not only takes up time other chores could be done but might reduce the point value of the task.
6. Bad attitudes and arguing will knock down points faster than anything. When in that place, make a statement – “I need a cool-down” – and then take up to a ten-minute break. Come back and address the situation again rather than beat your head against the wall.
7. Points are not earned during “grounding” – so don’t do anything that requires you to get grounded.
8. If you are going to earn points, you must be up and active *before* \_\_\_\_\_ *am*. That means going to bed \_\_\_\_\_ at the absolute latest. (Yes, an alarm clock can be arranged.)

These rules may be amended in the future to close loop-holes. Common sense and the spirit of the rules win out over narrow interpretations and the letter of the law, period. When in doubt, a contested point will be put off for discussion for at least two hours.

By signing below, we all agree that we will honor each side of the agreement, and that we will do our work honestly and gratefully, with respect to all those around us.

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Parent

## Positive Point Chart:

<b>Point Value</b>	<b>Chore</b>	<b>Caveats</b>
3 each	Resolve clutter areas (floors, shelves, etc.)	The area must be outlined and defined by an adult. Upper time limit is case-by-case.
1 ea	Clean and vacuum the living room, dining room and hallway	This is a proper job and is done on days when shampooing is not necessary.
1	Wash, dry, fold and <i>put away</i> one load of laundry.	All four parts must be completed well for this to count.
3 ea	Clear, vacuum and shampoo floors in bedroom, living room, dining room, hallway.	Each area counts separately but must be done to a spotless quality.
1	Make breakfast, make coffee, prepare morning supplements, before __ am.	Might have negotiate with siblings
1	One hour of undivided play time with youngest sibling	Toys, coloring, blocks, and other educational play – no television
1	One hour of undivided play time with younger sibling	Interactive and imaginative play – no television or computer
2	Making dinner	Must be edible, must feed everyone, must be served before _
1	Morning or after-dinner kitchen duty	Whichever you are supposed to do, get it done well, quickly, and without arguing.
.5 ea	Take out the trash	Half a point for each full bag of trash you take out
3	Scrub the bathroom at least once a week	Must be done in <i>entirety</i> – no half jobs
Variable	Special circumstances	Any jobs not listed above that pose a significant need may be proposed and negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

## Scholastic Points

<i>Point Value</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Caveats</i>
1	A full chapter of math	Must make at least a 95%
.5	A short chapter of English (up to 20 questions)	Must make at least a 95%
1	A long chapter of English	Must make at least a 95%
1	A science paper	Topic must be cleared with Mom, must be at least <b>500 words</b> , list three credible references, have good grammar and spelling, and explain the topic well.
1	A history paper	Topic must be cleared with Mom, must be at least <b>500 words</b> , list three credible references, have good grammar and spelling, and explain the topic well.
.5	A current events report	Story must be from within the last week, apply to an actual event, be at least <b>150 words</b> , and have at least two credible sources. Explain what happened in your own words, and tell why it's important or what was interesting about it.
1 ea	A creative writing story	Your short story must adequately execute all 10 writing elements, tell a good story, and each <b>500 words equal 1 point</b> .
1 ea	A screenplay or stage play	<b>Three pages equal 1 point</b> , it must cover all 10 writing elements, and it must tell a good story.
1 ea	Foreign language practice	<b>One hour</b> of practice in a foreign language, either through a credible website or through Rosetta Stone.
3	A research paper on a topic of your choice	The time for the research is an hour of your computer time. At least three credible references must be listed. <b>ONLY ONE REPORT IS ALLOWED PER WEEK.</b>

If you are doing schoolwork, you may only work on the computer for one hour at a time, and it will not count against your computer time (with the exception of the research paper).

HOWEVER, there must still be a significant break between computer time.

## Redemption Program

1. Any cash redemption requires ***at least a week of advanced notice***. If you want to go to a store or collect money for your wallet, you have to tell Mom ahead of time.
2. Cash redemptions are subject to availability of funds. If Mom doesn't have money available, they cannot be cashed in.
3. Points are accumulated as a savings account, not as a "cash-on-hand" account.
4. Points can be redeemed for:
  - a. Steam games (delivered as a gift)
  - b. Trips to game stores
  - c. Trips to other types of stores
  - d. 5 points can be exchanged for 1 extra hour of computer time per day.
5. Exchanging 5 points for 1 extra hour of computer or video game time **does not count on the weekends** outside of special negotiated circumstances.
  - a. This would require that ALL chores are done completely.
  - b. No other plans have been made.
6. You can donate points to household gifts and expenses, but it is not required.
7. Other special considerations not covered in this list can be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Total number of points, timeliness of accomplishment, and attitude will all be factors in considering any special circumstances.