

**Family Contract**

The goal of this family contract is to create an environment wherein all family members develop positive relationships, accept responsibility for their actions, and look forward to a bright future. All family members agree to respect each other and hereby agree to act on that respect by following these family policies. All family members hereby agree to be honest in word and action.

1. All family members agree to be courteous and respectful when talking to others.
2. Each family member agrees to clean up after themselves in the kitchen, in common areas, and in shared bedrooms.
3. Each family member agrees to follow household rules.
4. Participation in social activities at home, school, or with friends is a privilege. All family members agree that children obtaining permission for activities, knowing others schedules, and planning family activities contribute to a smoother and happier home. Curfew is set by law in the community. Additional curfew restrictions may be imposed by the parents/adults as appropriate based on age and earned trust.
5. All family members recognize that the parents/adults are ultimately responsible for overseeing the children. All family members agree that parents/adults taking a positive, pro-active interest in the friends and activities of the children contributes to a healthier lifestyle for everyone.
6. Regular attendance at school is expected in all classes. All assignments will be completed and submitted on time. If there is any indication from test scores, grades, or teachers that there is a need for tutoring, it will be requested and accommodated immediately. Grades are an indicator of effort. Consistent effort is expected.
7. Each child may earn extra spending money through activities or a job approved by a parent/adult. Each child is **encouraged** to save twenty percent of their earnings, donate ten percent to charities, and plan their spending of the remaining seventy percent. Anyone wanting a car is expected to pay for the vehicle, including insurance, gas, and repairs. A vehicle may not be purchased until at least the full purchase price plus six months of insurance have been saved. Each child sixteen or older will be required to maintain part-time employment. Employment may not interfere with school or household obligations.
8. **Alcohol is never allowed for anyone under the age of 21, per state law. Cigarettes are never allowed for anyone under the age of 18 per state law. Drugs (illegal and/or misuse of prescription or over-the-counter drugs) are not allowed for anyone at any time per state law.**

**Consequences:** Possible consequences include but may not be limited to the following. Duration of application of a consequence will be negotiated. Parents/guardians hereby acknowledge that failure to enforce consequences will impair their moral authority.

- A sincere apology for the language or behavior.
- Assignment of a special project or chore to be completed within one week unless otherwise arranged.
- Loss of television and stereo privileges.
- Loss of privilege to participate in an activity.
- Loss of social and telephone privileges.
- Loss of social, telephone, and any car privileges.
- Curfew time will be decreased.
- Loss of social and telephone privileges plus random drug testing as deemed appropriate by a parent/adult.
- Participation in an assessment and following of recommendations for counseling, treatment (inpatient or outpatient), plus random drug testing as deemed appropriate by a parent/adult, a counselor, or a treatment provider.

Signing below means each family member has read, understood, and agrees to the above.

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