**HOUSE RULES**

**The ------------ Family**

1. **PRIVILEGES**

**TECHNOLOGY: COMPUTER, TABLET, CELL PHONE, OR WIFI**

My parents, because of their love, will allow me to have access to a computer, tablet, wifi, or cell phone as appropriate.  I understand this is a privilege and not a right.

1. **RULES**

**THE PURPOSE OF HOUSE RULES**

I understand that even though my parents can be embarrassing, they love me more than anything in the world. I understand that these rules are *not* a form of punishment. Instead, my parents care about me so much that they created these guidelines to help me become an awesome/respectable adult.
**Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**MUTUAL RESPECT**

I promise to treat my family with respect. This means no yelling, swearing, or saying anything to them that I wouldn’t want to go viral on YouTube. Even when we are upset, mad, or having a heated argument, we will fight *for* each other, not against each other. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**HELPING OUT**

If my parents ask me to help out, I’ll do it. Additionally, I will look for ways to help out - even if the task isn’t my responsibility. Not because it’s my job, but because I want to show them 1) how thankful I am for everything they do for me, and 2) proof that I’m basically a ninja and can tackle any challenge.
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**RADICAL HONESTY**

I promise to never lie to my parents, even if I’m embarrassed or afraid to admit a mistake. Even though their high school hair style suggests otherwise, they’re not dummies and will know if I’m lying anyway. Additionally, I understand that if I’m ever in a situation that feels unsafe or simply uncomfortable, I can always text my parents. My parents will pick me up and I can tell my parents as much or as little as I want. I understand my parents will never judge me for asking for help.
**Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ACADEMIC EFFORT**

Because I want to have an awesome job and not live in the basement forever, I understand that my parents expect me to maintain at least a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** grade point average in school. I promise to try my best, ask for help when I need it, and not beat myself up if I get a less-than-stellar grade. Working hard makes me and my parents proud. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**TECHNOLOGY USE**

Technology is an incredible tool that helps me learn about the world, connect with friends, and even order late-night pizza. I understand that my behavior on these devices can directly impact my reputation and future, so I promise to use technology responsibly. In our family, that means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  Lastly, I will exercise intentional restraint and not let technology interfere with my important relationships or obligations. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL**

Because I respect myself, I will say “NO” to alcohol and drugs and “yes” to safe, fun adventures with my friends and family. Because both drugs and alcohol can severely hurt me and my future, I will choose not use them.  This is because my parents want me to realize my full potential and not end up in legal trouble, jail or in a body bag. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Behavior and attire:**

As a team member, I must have a Christian behavior in and outside of Church. I must avoid any close relation with one person only from opposite gender (boy/Girlfriend), engaging in any no-pure relationship and/or wearing inappropriate attire that I would not like to have Uncle Hani seems me wearing. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Spiritual Program:**

Because I am an active member of my Church, I am required to follow a spiritual program. I will have to attend Liturgy at least 2 times/ month and have communion at least 2 time/month. I am also required to attend Sunday school of my class/meeting at least 3 times/month. I will also have to confess minimum once every two months. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ACADEMIC EFFORT**

I understand that my mentors expect me to maintain at least a **3.2** grade point average in school. I promise to try my best, ask for help when I need it. Working hard makes me and my parents and mentors proud. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Family Cell Phone Agreement**

1)  I understand that the rules below are for my safety and that my parents love me more than anything in the world. I understand that my parents want to give me freedom, while also giving me enough security to make smart choices. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

2) I promise that my parents will always know my phone passwords. I understand that my parents have a right to look at my phone whenever there’s a need for them to do so, even without my permission. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

3) I will hand the phone to one of my parents promptly at \_\_\_\_\_ pm every school night and every weekend night at \_\_\_\_\_ pm. I will get it back at \_\_\_\_\_ am. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

4) I will not send or receive naked photos. Ever. I understand that there could be serious legal consequences that could put mine and my parents’ future at-risk. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

5) I will never search for porn or anything else that I wouldn’t want Christ to see.

**Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

6) I understand that my behavior on my phone can impact my future reputation—even in ways that I am not able to predict or see. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

7) I will tell my parents when I receive suspicious or alarming phone calls or text messages from people I don't know. I will also tell my parents if I am being harassed by someone via my cell phone. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

8) I will not use my phone during in the classroom of my school, I will respect my teacher by not being distracted by my phone. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

9) I will turn off, silence, and put my phone away in church; liturgy or a meeting. I will not allow the phone to change this important part of who I am. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

10) I will NEVER use my phone to bully or tease anyone, even if others think it’s funny. **Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

I understand that having this phone is not a right–it is a privilege that can be taken away. As such, I have read the following document and agree to the above rules. I understand that if I have any questions, I should ask.

**Sign here**

**CONSEQUENCES**

I understand that if I choose to disregard any of the above rules, there will be consequences. It’s not because my parents are jerks, but because they want to help me become a respectable adult.

**The first time I break a of using the phone for one week** or until my average goes above 3.2

**If I break the same house rule again,**

I will lose the privileges of using my phone for two weeks or until my average in school goes above 3.2

**If I break the same house rule a third time,**

I will lose the privileges of using my phone for three weeks or until my average in school goes above 3.2

**If I break the same house rule a fourth time or if the action is unlawful,**

Because of the severity of this infraction, and the potential (or imminent) harm this could cause to myself and/or others, we will seek the help of my father of Confession and m Sunday school mentor.

Meanwhile, the phone will be taken from me until my family decides I am worthy for the privilege again.

I have read this document and agree to the above rules and consequences. I know that my parents created these rules out of love, and I understand that if I have any questions, I should talk to them.

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**Teen Signature**

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**Parent(s) Signature**