

HOUSE OF
ESTILL
HANDBOOK

Basis for this handbook: Ephesians 6:1: Children, obey your parents as you would the Lord, because this is right.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Adult- anyone 21 years or older, anyone who has consistently worked a full time job for a year or longer, anyone who has paid at least one bill on a recurring basis, anyone who has paid taxes.

Back talk- a spontaneous rebuttal against an adult; when an adult asks or tells you to do something (yes parents can TELL you what to do) any of the following are considered back talk: anything spoken other than “yes ma’am or yes sir;” any gestures (throwing hands up, stomping, puffed cheeks), sound effects of any kind; rolling of eyes; slamming any item or structure in this house.

Boss- See “adult.” This means if you do not fall under the category of adult, you will never be the boss here at this house.

Child- anyone who has parents and/or guardians, also known as preteen or young adult.

Childhood- the period of time prior to age 21, consisting of trials and tribulations, someone who receives specific and directed guidance from parents who have vowed to oversee the journey to the child

becoming a competent, productive adult and contributing member of society.

Chore- Your duty as a child to perform certain appointed and appropriate tasks set forth by parents. To be completed without the expectation of monetary compensation (money) or negotiation (Do I have to? Can I do it later?). Reward will be considered for any task performed, without being asked, other than what has been outlined for you.

Consequence- specific punishments for failure to abide by the rules set in this handbook.

Fairness- This does not apply to children, preteens, or young adults, due to the limited capacity of rational thinking.

Entitlement- We, as your parents, are required to give you a roof, food, and clothing. Therefore, you are not entitled to have the following because you were born: cell phone, I-pod, I-pad, computer, Xbox (1, 2 or 3), PlayStations (1, 2, or 3), spending money, vacations, shopping sprees, movies out, or fancy dinners.

Expectation- Respect, tolerance, and obedience are all required from you for a successful relationship within the household.

Manipulation- purposely being deceitful, at an attempt to sway decisions or situations to go your way.

Privacy- As a child, living under our roof, you will not have privacy with any cell phone, Facebook, email, or other types of communication. When asked, you are to give the device without question, along with password.

Reward- may consist of money, dinners out, movies, friends over, or spending money. If there is a specific reward you would like, please let us know so we may consider it in the future.

Punishable Offenses

1. Back talking- there is never a good excuse for back talking. Being tired, hungry, angry, or upset will not excuse you. Example: Parent: “It is time to start your homework?” Child:” I will when I am finished watching this show.” Or “I was going to do it at school tomorrow.”

2. Lying- Even the smallest of white lies are still lies.

3. Poor time management- If you do not finish your homework or chores because you were watching TV, Skyping, texting, sleeping, Facebooking, Snapchatting, Kiking, Facetiming, Instagramming,

or any other social interaction not invented yet, applies.

4. Multiple requests- If you are asked or told a second time to do something, there will be consequences.

5. Failure to complete required tasks or chores- you each have a set chore list for completion. If you fail to complete these tasks, without express consent from a parent, there will be consequences.

6. Asking the same question, expecting a different answer, multiple times is the same as back talking and considered disobedient.

7. Purposeful disruption of others around you. This includes arguing, physically fighting, and constantly bickering with a sibling.

8. Failure to respect adults in our home or outside of our home. If an adult is talking to you, all electronic devices are to be immediately put down or stopped and ear buds are to be removed from your ears, so you can provide your full attention. All adults, including us, will be addressed as ma'am or sir. These are called manners.

9. Interrupting adult conversation. If there are adults in the room, you may wait until there is a break of silence and contribute to the conversation.

Please do not have a response to every comment.
Be respectful of adults when they are talking.

10. When you are told “No” by an adult, it is not meant to be a suggestion. “No” is not code word for ask over and over until you get a yes. If you do not accept a “No” answer, there will be consequences.

11. In the event you visit someone else’s home or go with other adults on a trip, you are to give the respect you give us and are to be on your best behavior. Any report other than satisfactory will result in severe consequences.

Possible Consequences

This is not in any particular order. It is up to us to choose and do not suggest what you want as a consequence. If you do, you will have another added.

1. No use of cellphone
2. No use of Kindle
3. No TV
4. No use of I-pod, I-pad, I-phone
5. No computer
6. Extra chores

7. No spending the night with anyone.
8. No one spending the night with you.
9. Sitting in the living room with the family with no electronics. (nothing like good ole' family time, maybe even look back at old family photos of older generations.)

The time of the consequences will directly depend on the offense and your attitude. If you receive a punishment for an offense that you have committed, accept the punishment without back talk or trying to negotiate. This will ensure the best possible outcome for you.

Fast Facts

1. Mom does not get in trouble.
2. Dad does not get in trouble.
3. There is only one mom and one dad in this house. No one else's rules apply here.
4. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
5. Yes siblings fight. However, when you constantly fight in the midst of others, it is rather annoying.

6. We love you and are trying to fulfill our biblical duties to raise you to be respectful, polite, and hardworking adults.

On this date, I have read and understand this handbook.

Date

Child

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