

(Compiled from parents with children; these are the rules in their homes)

FAMILY RULES

1. Curfew is to be at 10pm on weeknights and 11pm on weekends, except for something special – which is to be determined through a prior discussion.
2. Parents are to know the details of any activity – time, place, people.
3. Complete all chores before going out.
4. Ask about going out rather than telling parents.
5. Call and let parents know location and any change of plans' be able to be reached at any time.
6. Refrain from drinking, smoking, drugs, and sexual activity.
7. Be polite when receiving phone calls from family and friends and taking messages.
8. Be courteous and respectful of others, including those living in your house.
9. Always check with parents before inviting people over.
10. There must always be parental supervision when at anyone else's home or when friends are over.

COMPUTER FAMILY RULES

11. Length of time and time of day spent on the computer will be determined by the parents.
12. All chores, including homework, are to be completed before using the computer, except for homework that needs to be done on the computer.
13. Any computer access site, including IM, is to be visible and able to be inspected by parents.
14. Do not go into chatrooms.
15. Do not ever agree to meet anyone, anywhere that you have not met already in a face-to-face introduction.
16. Never give out personal information including name, address, school attending, teachers' names, parents' names, or siblings' name(s).

CAR RULES

17. No more than 4 people are to ride in the car, including the driver; never take a stranger.
18. Drive in areas approved by the parents.
19. All fines are the responsibility of the driver.

OTHER PARENTS' RESPONSES

"I agree with all of them except maybe the curfew if over 16: 11pm weeknights; 12pm weekends"

"We had to adhere to these same rules with Jamie; it was the only way we were able to find out when she decided to follow the wrong crowd for a period of time. It was rough on all of us but I believe it is what saved all of us. Of course, all with God's protection which we prayed for daily and still do!"

"Boy, this sounds like our house. We have many of the same rules and have actually written them down with all signing for agreement. We have added rules on driving and parental supervision when at friends' houses. Does it work? Half the time. Do we still get into debates? Frequently. At least we have the rules to fall back on and try to be consistent with."

"I think this is a very good list, but they might also want to say something about respecting the parents and others, and (very important) not to run around with people who don't respect her. "

"Curfew was 10pm weeknights and 12pm on weekends. On chores we had the right to inspect before they could leave. Absolutely on #2, 3, 4, 5. On #6 someone always waited up to chat – and inspect). Rudeness could end up in a loss of phone privileges. For #8 just treat people the way you want to be treated."

"#2 I don't see as a rule; those are questions any interested parent asks before saying yes or no. #4 is a common courtesy to ask rather than tell a parent. #5 includes parents being always available to be reached as well. On the computer, appropriate websites and courtesy should be understood as well as the reasons for not giving out any information. That isn't to say the teenager is going to always agree."