

# Parent-Child Framework

## Parent Side:

### Consent To the Unequal Side of The Deal:

Do you understand what you're getting into by having children?

- Yes, I understand that I'm constantly going to be sacrificing for an ungrateful little...
- No, I don't know what I'm getting into and I'm in for a major education.

Despite this, do you still enter into it willingly?

- Yes, for better or worse.
- No, but I didn't use protection...

### Provisions:

What provisions are you agreeing to provide to your child free of charge?

- **Food.**
  - Low Tier - Ramen, Mac and Cheese, Pizza, Low Prep, etc.
  - Medium Tier - Hamburgers, Beef Stew, Home cooking, etc.
  - High Tier - Steak, Lobster, Fresh Veggies, Expensive Stuff, etc.
- **Shelter.**
  - Low Tier - A couch under a roof.
  - Medium Tier - A bed under a roof.
  - High Tier - A personal room with a bed under a roof.
- **Clothing.**
  - Low Tier - Essentials plus T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and pants.
  - Medium Tier - Named brand clothes.
  - High Tier - Designer brand clothes.
- **Emotional Support.**
  - Low Tier - Talking occasionally.
  - Medium Tier - Talking frequently.
  - High Tier - Talking and providing encouragement.
- **Education.**
  - Low Tier - Public education.
  - Medium Tier - Books and lessons at home in addition to public education.
  - High Tier - Private/Charter school with books and lessons at home.
- **Entertainment.**
  - Low Tier - TV, board games, the outdoors.
  - Medium Tier - Video games, family vacations, dedicated activities.
  - High Tier - Amusement parks, major trips, etc.

### Expectations:

In exchange for the above-mentioned provisions, what are your expectations for your child?

- **Obedience.**
  - Following instructions without asking questions.
- **Assistance with household responsibilities.**

- Pulling their own weight around the house.
- **Emotional control.**
  - Maintaining control over tempers and reactions to circumstances in life.
- **Good grades in school.**
  - Being studious and performing well in school.
- **Gratitude.**
  - A posture of thankfulness for the provisions provided free of charge.
- **Respect.**
  - A posture of admiration and deference on account of your parental competence.
- **Appreciation.**
  - Expressing thankfulness for the provisions provided free of charge.
- **Good decision making.**
  - Exercising wisdom and sound judgment when making decisions.
- **Good character.**
  - Acting in a virtuous manner.
  - Specifically, being honest, loyal, steadfast, responsible, compassionate, etc.

## Consequences:

What will happen to your child if the above expectations are not met?

- **Loss of provisions.**
  - A provision will be taken away for a period of time.
- **Loss of privileges.**
  - A privilege such as seeing friends or playing videogames will be taken away.
- **Physical intervention.**
  - Physical force will be used to intervene in negative behavior.

## Child Side:

### Admission You Know Less Than Your Parent (Probably):

As a child, do you understand that your parents have been alive longer than you and have more life experience?

- **Yes.**
  - You understand that your parents have more life experience than you.
- **No.**
  - You deny the fact that your parents have more life experiences than you.

## Rewards:

What rewards will you receive for obeying your parents and making positive contributions to the household?

- Free time.
- Time with friends.
- Material possessions.
- Entertainment.
- Experiences.

## Expectations:

What are your expectations for your parents?

- Provisions.
- Freedom.
- Guidance.
- Respect.

Are these expectations reasonable?

- Yes.
  - The expectations are in line with what's reasonable and appropriate for your age and level of responsibility.
- No.
  - The expectations are not reasonable for your age and level of responsibility.

## Understanding Of the Situation:

Do you understand the situation you're in and the nature of the parent child relationship?

- Yes.
  - You understand that your parents brought you into the world and are providing a lot of expensive resources to you free of charge and therefore you should show them respect and behave accordingly.
- No.
  - You don't understand the situation and you need further clarification on the arrangement.