

# 2024-25 RUSH Student Expectations Agreement

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Small Group #: \_\_\_\_\_ Small group leaders Names: \_\_\_\_\_

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- We will *not* tolerate any of the following behavior:
  - Disrespect of a leader
  - Disrespect of a student
  - Disrespect of the property
  - Doing anything illegal while at RUSH or at a RUSH-sponsored event/activity
- The following are our procedures if/when behavior issues arise with students:
  - Step 1: Small group leader(s) will have a conversation with the student who is being disrespectful/misbehaving and will notify the student's parent/guardian about the conversation.
  - Step 2: If behavior doesn't change, small group leader(s) will elevate the issue to the RUSH Staff to determine if the student should receive a 2-week suspension from RUSH. The RUSH Staff will reach out to the student's parent/guardian to discuss next steps.
  - Step 3: If behavior doesn't change after a 2-week suspension from RUSH, small group leader(s) will again elevate the issue to the RUSH Staff to determine if the student should receive a 4-week suspension from RUSH. The RUSH Staff will reach out to the student's parent/guardian to discuss next steps.
  - Step 4: If after a 4-week suspension the inappropriate behavior continues, the RUSH Staff and small group leader(s) will discuss with the parent/guardian and student whether the student should step back from RUSH indefinitely.

## PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

- I will be real and honest during discussion time and with my leaders during 1:1s.
- I will respect personal information shared in my group and will not share that information outside of RUSH with other youth (including my friends) or haphazardly with anyone else.
- I will treat others the way I want to be treated. I will not speak when someone else is speaking (this includes worship, large and small group lessons, and discussion time).
- I understand that RUSH teaches directly from the Bible and will try to bring my Bible with me to every meeting and come prepared to learn.
- I will avoid cliques and behaviors that cause conflict (examples include gossiping, taking over discussion time, having a bad attitude about being paired with a different student or leader during large or small group, having rude body language like eye rolling and huffing/puffing, etc.).
- I will help clean up after myself, after small group/large group and at scatter nights if applicable. I understand that especially after small group I will need to help get the classroom ready for Crossroads Kids just as they do for RUSH.
- I understand cell phones can be very distracting to myself and those around me. I will not use my phone without permission from one of my leaders.

**Student: Do NOT sign until you have fully read and understand what you're signing.**

*I have **read** and **agree** to the behavior expectations outlined in this document. In doing so, I **understand** if I am not behaving appropriately, my leader(s) will have a conversation with me, and if the behavior continues, will be elevated to parents and appropriate RUSH staff with consequences.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_