

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED
IN ESTABLISHING A PARENTING PLAN**

This parenting plan applies to the following children:

NAME	AGE	BIRTHDATE	GRADE	SS #

RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE

Unless the parents agree otherwise, the following schedule determines where the child(ren) shall reside each day of the year and what contact the child(ren) shall have with each parent:

PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE

There are no children of preschool age.

Prior to enrollment in school, the children shall reside:

WITH FATHER	WITH MOTHER	FROM DAY/TIME	TO DAY/TIME	EVERY WEEK	EVERY OTHER WEEK	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

Unless the parents agree otherwise, upon completion of the school year, the child(ren) shall reside:

Same as school year schedule.

WITH FATHER	WITH MOTHER	FROM DAY/TIME	TO DAY/TIME	EVERY WEEK	EVERY OTHER WEEK	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

SECTION 6
ARTICLE 6

VACATION WITH EACH PARENT

- Does not apply.
- Unless the parents agree otherwise, the schedule for vacation with each parent shall be:
 - One week per year.
 - Two weeks per year.
 - Consecutive
 - Non-consecutive
 - Summer only.
 - Other (specify):

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SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS

Unless the parents agree otherwise, the holiday schedule shall be:

HOLIDAY	FROM - TO (DAY/TIME)	WITH MOM*	WITH DAD*
New Year's Day			
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			
Presidents Day			
Easter			
Memorial Day			
July 4th			
Labor Day			
Thanksgiving			
Christmas Eve			
Christmas Day			
RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS			

* Specify Odd/Even/Every year

- Holidays which fall on a Friday or Monday shall include Saturday and Sunday.
- Other (specify):

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SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Unless the parents agree otherwise, the schedule for the child(ren) for the following special occasions shall be as follows:

OCCASION	DATE	FROM - TO	WITH MOM*	WITH DAD*
Child's Birthday (Name):				
Dad's Birthday				
Father's Day	3rd Sunday in June			
Good Friday	Friday before Easter			
Halloween	October 31			
MEA	3rd Thur/Fri in Oct.			
Mom's Birthday				
Mother's Day	2nd Sunday in May			
St. Patrick's Day	March 17			
Valentine's Day	February 14			
Other (specify):				

* Specify Odd/Even/Every Year

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PRIORITIES UNDER THE PARENTING PLAN

- Does not apply. Holidays have priority over vacations.
 Special occasions have priority over vacations. Vacations have priority over regular residential time.
 Other (specify):

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Unless the parents agree otherwise, transportation arrangements for the children between the parents shall be as follows:

- Father shall pick up as follows:
 Father shall drop off as follows:
 Mother shall pick up as follows:
 Mother shall drop off as follows:
 Parents will meet at the following location:
 Other (specify):

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TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH THE CHIL(REN)

- Reasonable
 - Mother
 - Father

- Specific
 - Mother
 - Father

Days and Times:

DECISION MAKING

- Father shall have sole authority to make decisions regarding health care of the child(ren).
- Mother shall have sole authority to make decisions regarding health care of the child(ren).
- Father shall have sole authority to make decisions regarding education of the child(ren).
- Mother shall have sole authority to make decisions regarding education of the child(ren).
- Father shall have sole authority to make decisions regarding religion of the child(ren).
- Mother shall have sole authority to make decisions regarding religion of the child(ren).
- Father and mother shall share responsibility for making decisions regarding health care, education and religion of the child(ren).
- Father shall be solely responsible for making decisions in the following specific areas:

 Mother shall be solely responsible for making decisions in the following specific areas:

 Father and mother shall share responsibility for making decisions in the following specific areas:

OTHER TERMS OF THE PARENTING PLAN

RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

If the on-duty parent is unable to care for the child(ren) for ____ hours, the off-duty parent shall have the first option of caring for the child(ren). If the off-duty parent is unavailable, the on-duty parent will make appropriate child care arrangements. The parents agree not to advise the child(ren) of any change in the schedule until the parents have decided who will provide the care. Each parent shall give the other parent at least 48 hours notice if he/she is unable to comply with the regular schedule.

PARTICIPATION IN CHILD(REN)'S EVENTS

Each parent shall be responsible for keeping him or herself advised of school events. Both parents are responsible for informing the other parent about activities and athletic and social events in which each child participates. Both parents may participate in school activities and other events for each child.

PROMOTION OF LOVE AND AFFECTION

Each parent agrees to use reasonable effort to maintain liberal access and open communication between the child(ren) and the other parent. Each parent agrees to refrain from using words and conduct which would have a tendency to damage the child(ren)'s feelings about the other parent or would impair the natural development of the child(ren)'s love and respect for the other parent.

When a child is ill:

- The residential schedule shall remain in effect.
- The residential schedule shall not remain in effect.
- The child(ren) will remain with the on-duty parent with make-up time for the off-duty parent.
- Other (specify):

PARENTING STYLE

Each parent will make normal daily decisions for the welfare of the child(ren) while the child(ren) is/are with him or her. Neither parent shall interfere in the parenting style of the other nor shall either parent make plans or arrangements that would interfere with the other parent's authority or time with the child(ren) without the express agreement of the other. Each parent shall encourage the child(ren) to discuss the child(ren)'s complaint about the other parent directly with that parent. It is the intent of both parents to encourage a direct parent-child bond and communication.

INFORMATION AS TO WELFARE OF CHILD(REN)

Each parent shall provide the other parent promptly with receipt of any significant information regarding the welfare of the child(ren), including physical and mental health, performance in school, extracurricular activities, etc.

NEITHER PARENT TO REQUEST DECISIONS BY CHILDREN

Neither parent shall ask the child(ren) to make decisions or requests involving the parenting plan schedule. Neither parent shall discuss the residential schedule with the child(ren) except for plans that have already been agreed to by both parents in advance.

NO COMMUNICATION WITH CHILD(REN) AS TO STATUS OF SUPPORT

Neither parent shall advise the child(ren) of the status of the child support payments or other legal matters regarding the parents' relationship.

NEITHER PARENT TO USE CHILD(REN) FOR INFORMATION

Neither parent shall use the child(ren) directly or indirectly to obtain information about the other parent or to communicate messages to the other parent.

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AVOIDING DEROGATORY COMMENTS

Neither parent shall make derogatory comments about the other parent or allow anyone else to do the same in the child(ren)'s presence. Neither parent shall allow or encourage the child(ren) to make negative comments about the other parent, parent's friends, or relatives.

HOW THE PARENTS WILL HANDLE DISPUTES

Disputes between the parents, other than financial issues, shall be submitted to:
(check ALL that apply)

- Counseling
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- A Parenting Consultant

The cost of this process shall be divided between the parents as determined in the dispute resolution process.

The dispute resolution process shall be commenced by notifying the other parent by:

- Written request
 - Certified mail
 - Other (specify):
- No dispute resolution process, except court action, shall be ordered because the following limiting factor applies:

In the dispute resolution process:

- (A) Preference shall be given to carrying out this Parenting Plan.
- (B) Unless an emergency exists, the parents shall use the designated process to resolve disputes relating to implementation of the plan.
- (C) A written record of any agreement reached in counseling or mediation and of each arbitration award shall be provided to each party.
- (D) If the court finds a parent has used or frustrated the dispute resolution process without good reason, the court may award attorney's fees and financial sanctions to the other parent.

OTHER PROVISIONS

- There are no other provisions.
- The following other provisions apply:

DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN

For the purpose of state and federal statutes which require a designation or determination of custody, the

father mother both parents
is/are designated the custodian(s) of the child(ren).

SIGNATURES APPROVING THE PARENTING PLAN

Parent's Signature and Date Signed

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Approved as to form and content:

Attorney's Signature and Date Signed
Representing Father ___ Mother ___

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Representing Father ___ Mother ___