

The following parenting plan is a draft copy for you to use before completing your legitimation paperwork. Please print and write in your desired solutions for each section of the parenting plan. If you have an uncontested legitimation action, review with your co-parent. If you are completing a contested legitimation action, let this your desire for the Court to enforce. As we discussed in the parenting class, the parenting plan takes into consideration the needs of the child(ren) first. Give a lot of thought about the needs of your child when filling out this form. After you complete the parenting plan, take the copy to your attorney and discuss your legal options. If you are using the Family Law Resource Center (FLRC) use this completed form as your guide to complete the electronic copy required when you complete the legitimation paperwork packet.

PARENTING PLAN

The parties have agreed to the terms of this plan and this information has been furnished by both parties to meet the requirements of OCGA Section 19-9-1. The parties agree on the terms of the plan and affirm the accuracy of the information provided, as shown by their signatures at the end of this order.

This Plan:

- Is a new plan
- Modifies an existing Parenting Plan dated: _____
- Modifies an existing Order dated: _____

Child's Name	YEAR of Birth		Child's Name	YEAR of Birth

I. CUSTODY AND DECISION MAKING

A. Primary Physical Custodian (where the child primarily lives):

Child's Name	Primary Physical Custodian
	JointMotherFather

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B. Legal Custody (Decision making authority):

- Joint
- Father
- Mother
- Other:

C. Day-to-Day Decisions:

Each parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care of a child while the child is residing with each parent, including any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of a child.

Other:

D. Major Decisions:

<p>Educational Decisions e.g., school choice, educational support services, speech therapy, tutoring, educational planning</p>	<p>Joint Mother Father</p>
<p>Non-emergency Health Care e.g., scheduled examinations, dental and vision care, psychological treatment</p>	<p>Joint Mother Father</p>
<p>Religious Upbringing e.g., choice of religion, religious education or training</p>	<p>Joint Mother Father</p>
<p>Extracurricular e.g., sports, arts and music, camps, summer programs</p>	<p>Joint Mother Father</p>

E. Disagreements and Tie-breaking Authority:

The parties shall at all times confer with each other on all above-referenced “major decisions,” as well as on any and all other important matters pertaining to the welfare of the minor child(ren) with a view toward arriving at a harmonious policy calculated to promote the child(ren)’s best interest. When Joint* Decision Making is selected in Section I.D above, disagreements in decisions will be resolved as outlined below.

Pick ONLY one

Educational Decisions	Mother or Father
Non-emergency Health Care	Mother or Father
Religious Upbringing	Mother or Father
Extracurricular	Mother or Father

II. PARENTING TIME/VISITATION SCHEDULES

A. Day to Day Parenting Time/Visitation:

During the term of this parenting plan the non-custodial parent shall have at a **minimum** the following rights of parenting time/visitation:

WEEKEND Parenting Time/Visitation Options: PICK 1

Every other weekend: 1st, 3rd & 5th : Beginning (day which visitation starts) _____ at (time which visitation starts) _____ until (day which visitation ends) _____ at (time which visitation ends) _____.

2nd & 4th weekend : Beginning (day which visitation starts) _____ at (time which visitation starts) _____ until (day which visitation ends) _____ at (time which visitation ends) _____.

Other:

JOINT 50/50 CUSTODY SCHEDULE:

Parties will have week on/week off custody rotating on (day which exchange will happen each week) _____ at (time which exchange will happen each week) _____.

Other:

WEEKDAY Parenting Time/Visitation:

(Father/mother) shall have visitation every (day during the week) _____ beginning at (time which weekday visitation begins) _____ and ending at (time which visitation ends) _____.

Other:

This parenting schedule begins:

Date of this Parenting Plan _____.

B. Major Holidays and Vacation Periods:

The day-to-day schedule established in Section II A. above shall apply during any holiday unless other arrangements are set forth below. Leaving blanks means that the schedule established in Section II A will apply.

Thanksgiving

Unless specified differently herein, Thanksgiving break shall begin at 6:00 pm on the before Thanksgiving and end on the Sunday after Thanksgiving at 6:00 pm. The day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth below:

(Circle one) Father/Mother **EVEN** Years

(Circle one) Father/Mother **ODD** Years:

Other:

Winter Vacation [a/k/a “Christmas Holiday”]

EVEN Years: (Circle One: Father/Mother) will have child(ren) from last day of school until

December (day)_____ at (time) _____ **AND** (Circle the other parent: Father/Mother) will have child(ren) from date above until day before school starts at (time)_____.

Parents alternate their week in **ODD** years.

Other:

Summer Vacation

Definition of Summer: Summer vacation shall be defined as commencing at 10:00 A.M. the day after school ends for the school year, and ending at 6:00 P.M. the day before the start of the new school year.

Proposed Vistation Plan:

Spring Vacation (if applicable)

The day-to-day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth below:

Fall Vacation (if applicable)

The day-to-day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth below:

C. Other Holiday Schedule (if applicable):

HOLIDAY	MOTHER	FATHER
MLK JR. Day (January)	Odd Even Every	Odd Even Every
President's Day (February)	Odd Even Every	Odd Even Every
Mother's Day (May)	Odd Even Every	Odd Even Every
Memorial Day (May)	Odd Even Every	Odd Even Every

Father's Day (June)	Odd	Even	Every	Odd	Even	Every
July Fourth (July)	Odd	Even	Every	Odd	Even	Every
Labor Day (September)	Odd	Even	Every	Odd	Even	Every
Halloween (October)	Odd	Even	Every	Odd	Even	Every
Child(ren)'s Birthday	Odd	Even	Every	Odd	Even	Every
Other:	Odd	Even	Every	Odd	Even	Every
Other:	Odd	Even	Every	Odd	Even	Every

D. Other extended periods of time during school (defined by the school schedule):

E. Start and end dates for holiday visitation:

For purposes of this parenting plan, the holiday will start and end as follows:

Holidays that fall on Friday will include the following Saturday and Sunday.

Holidays that fall on Monday will include the preceding Saturday and Sunday.

Other:

F. Coordination of Parenting and Children's Schedules:

Check if applicable:

_____ The holiday parenting time/visitation schedule takes precedence over the regular parenting time/visitation schedule.

_____ Each party agrees that the other party shall have the first right of refusal to keep the child(ren) in the event that the other party will be unable to care for the child(ren) for a period of _____ hours or more. In the event that the other party is unable to care for the child(ren), the party needing child care will ensure that a qualified and appropriate family member or child care provider is employed to care for the child(ren).

_____ The parent in possession of the minor child(ren) will be responsible for supervising and assisting in any schoolwork immediately due and for any activity scheduled for the child(ren). The parents agree to give each other reasonable notice of any activities scheduled during the other parent's possession of the child(ren).

_____ When the child(ren) are with a parent for an extended period of time (such as summer), the other parent shall be entitled to visit with the child(ren) during the extended period, as follows:

G. Transportation Arrangements:

For visitation, the *place of meeting for the exchange* of the child(ren) shall be:

(Circle One) Father/mother will be responsible for transportation of the child(ren) at the beginning of visitation.

(Circle One) Father/mother will be responsible for transportation of the child(ren) at the end of visitation.

Transportation [e.g. airplane, train, long-distance] costs, arrangements and supervision, if any, will be allocated as follows:

Both parties will be diligent in having the child(ren) ready with the necessary belongings and available at the appointed time; the transporting party shall be prompt in picking up and delivering the child(ren), provided however, that the transporting parent for visitation shall have a grace period of fifteen (15) minutes for pick-up and delivery if both parties live within a distance of fifty (50) miles from each other. If the one-way distance to be traveled is in excess of one hundred (100) miles, the grace period shall be thirty (30) minutes. In the event the visiting parent exceeds the grace period, the visitation for that weekend is forfeited, unless prior notification and arrangements have been made, and except in cases where the visiting parent suffers an unavoidable breakdown or delay en route and the visiting parent promptly notifies the custodial parent by phone of the delay. Repeated violations by either parent shall be cause for a modification of the custody order either by changing the custody or curtailing visitation, as the case may be.

H. Contacting the Child(ren):

When the child(ren) are in the physical custody of one parent, the other parent will have the right to contact the child(ren) as follows:

_____ Telephone: When the child is with each parent, that parent will ensure that the child has access to a telephone at all times. The other parent may telephone the child at all reasonable times, however, these calls shall not unduly interfere with that parent's time with the child.

Likewise, the parent with physical custody will allow the child to telephone the other parent at all reasonable times.

_____ Other:

I. Supervision of Parenting Time (if applicable):

Supervised parenting time shall apply during the day to day schedule as follows:

Place:

Person/organization supervising:

Responsibility for Costs:

Other:

J. Communication Provisions [must check one option below]:

_____ A parent changing residence must give at least thirty (30) days notice of the change and provide the full address of the new residence. Each parent shall promptly notify the other of a change of phone number.

_____ Due to prior acts of family violence, the address of the child(ren) and victim of family violence shall be kept confidential. The protected parent shall promptly notify the other parent, through a third party, of any change in contact information necessary to conduct visitation.

_____ Other:

III. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND INFORMATION

Rights of the Parents

Absent agreement to limitations or court ordered limitations, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-9-1(b)(1)(D), both parents are entitled to access to all of the child(ren)'s records and information, including, but not limited to, education, health, extracurricular activities, and religious communications. Designation as a non-custodial parent does not affect a parent's right to equal access to these records.

The custodial parent shall promptly transmit to the non-custodial parent any information received concerning parent teacher meetings, school club meetings, school programs, athletic schedules, and any other school activities in which the child(ren) may be engaged or interested.

The custodial parent shall promptly, after receipt, furnish to the non-custodial parent a photo-copy of the child(ren)'s grade cards or reports and copies of any other reports concerning

the child(ren)'s status or progress.

The custodial parent shall, when possible, arrange appointments for parent-teacher conferences at a time when the non-custodial parent can be present and whenever possible they shall be attended by both parents.

Limitation on access:

IV. MODIFICATION OF PLAN

Parties may, by mutual agreement, vary the parenting time/visitation; however, such agreement shall not be a binding court order. Custody shall only be modified by court order. Should the parents disagree about this parenting plan or wish to modify it, they will try to resolve their issue/dispute first before filing an action in court.

V. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Attached as Exhibit A-1 is an Addendum, detailing any special circumstances involved in this case (e.g., health issues, educational issues, etc.).

_____ During the time that either party has physical custody of the child(ren), that parent shall not have residing in the house, or staying overnight, anyone not related by blood or marriage.

_____ During the time that either party has physical custody of the child(ren), that parent shall not drink any alcohol.

_____ Other:

VI. RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Neither party shall discuss with the minor child(ren) their past, present, or future domestic relations litigation with the exception of the custody schedule and these rules of conduct.
2. Neither party shall complain about, criticize, or blame the other in the presence of the minor child(ren), and shall instruct others to refrain from such conduct in the presence of the minor child(ren).
3. Neither party shall accuse the other of being at fault in the presence of the minor child(ren).
4. Neither party shall make negative, critical, and/or hurtful comments about the other party's family members in the presence of the minor child(ren).
5. Neither party shall use the minor child(ren) to convey messages to the other parent.
6. The parents shall not hassle over visitation with the minor child(ren). This undermines

the parents' relationship with the minor child(ren) and burdens the minor child(ren) with the guilt of responsibility for such hassles.

7. It is beneficial that the minor child(ren) experience(s) affectionate care from both parents. The visitation privileges exist(s) primarily for the minor child(ren) and not the parent.
8. The issue of visitation and child support are not related. The custodial parent shall not deny visitation to the non custodial parent to enforce the payment of child support. Such denial is a violation of this Order.

It is the intention of this Order to relieve the minor child(ren) of embroilment in his/her/their parents' controversies and disputes. Such conduct is injurious to the health and well-being of the minor child(ren) and will not be tolerated by the Court.

VII. PARENT'S CONSENT

Please review the following and initial:

We recognize that a close and continuing parent-child relationship and continuity in the child(ren)'s life is in the child(ren)'s best interest.

_____ (Mother) _____ (Father)

We recognize that the parent with physical custody will make the day-to-day decisions and emergency decisions while the child(ren) is/are residing with such parent.

_____ (Mother) _____ (Father)

We recognize that our child(ren)'s needs will change and grow as the child(ren) matures; we have made a good faith effort to take these changing needs into account so that the need for future modifications to the parenting plan are minimized.

_____ (Mother) _____ (Father)

We knowingly and voluntarily agree to the terms of this Parenting Plan. Each of us affirms that the information we have provided in this Plan is true and correct.

Mother's Signature

Father's Signature