

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Model for A Parenting Plan

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PARENTING PLAN

- Proposed Parenting Plan of Mother Father Both Parents
- Court Ordered Parenting Plan
- By Stipulation
- Without Stipulation
- Preliminary
- Final Judgment

1. Parents

	Name	Address	Phone	E-mail
Father				
Mother				

2. Child/ren

	Name	DOB	Age
Child 1			
Child 2			
Child 3			
Child 4			
Child 5			

(Attach another page for additional children.)

3. Jurisdiction

The jurisdictional bases for this court to enter judgment herein regarding legal and physical custody of the minor child/ren is:

The State of _____ is the child/ren’s home state for purposes of the State of _____’s Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, Section _____ of _____ of the _____ Code of _____ and The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, implemented pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §11601, and following.

Father and Mother declare and stipulate that the United States is the country of habitual residence of the child/ren.

Father and Mother declare and stipulate that the State of ____ has the most significant contacts with the child/ren.

Father and Mother declare and stipulate that the State of ____ is the most appropriate forum for addressing custody and visitation orders regarding their child/ren.

Since ____, the United States has been the child/ren's country of habitual residence.

Since ____, the child/ren has been and is domiciled in and has been and is a resident of, and has been and is a citizen of the United States of America.

Since ____, the child/ren has been and is domiciled in, has been and is a resident of the State of _____ and has been and is a citizen of the State of _____.

Since ____, Father and Mother have been and are domiciled in, have been and are residents of, and have been and are citizens of the State of _____.

Since ____, Father and Mother have been and are domiciled in, have been and are residents of, and have been and are citizens of the United States of America.

_____ (state) is the appropriate forum. Venue in the county of _____, State of _____ is proper because _____.

Father and Mother each declare that there are no child custody proceedings pending in any other jurisdiction at the time this application is made.

Father and Mother each declare that no one other than they has made a claim or has a claim to custody of the child/ren subject to this order in any jurisdiction, other than in the case in which this application is made.

____ filed an action, Case Number ____, in ____ County, State of ____, United States of America to determine the child/ren's legal and physical custody.

____ appeared in Case Number _____ on ____ by _____.

Attached are any prior orders affecting the legal and physical custody of the child/ren.

Father and Mother consent to the court's jurisdiction over the legal and physical custody of their child/ren.

____ was given notice of and opportunity to be heard before this application was made.

4. **Decision - making Rights and Responsibilities**

4.1 **General Principles**

- The parents, after giving due consideration to all relevant factors, believe that it is in the best interests of their unemancipated child/ren that the parents have shared decision-making responsibility for major decisions that affect the child/ren.
- Each parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of the child/ren while the child/ren is/are with that parent. Either parent may make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child/ren who is/are currently with that parent.
- The parents shall confer with each other and share decision-making authority with a view toward arriving at major decisions that promote the best interest of their child/ren.
- Neither parent shall unreasonably withhold consent in making such joint decisions nor shall either parent make a major change in the child/ren's situation without agreement of the other parent.
- The parents wish to designate one party to make specific decisions. These decision-making areas shall be listed below.
- The parents understand that a failure to agree permits either of them to initiate the dispute resolution measures (Section 18) agreed to by the parents in this Parenting Plan.
- The parents agree that it is in the best interest of the child/ren that
 Mother Father will have sole authority to make major decisions for the child/ren.
- Mother Father shall have sole authority to make the following decisions:

- All other major decisions shall be made jointly.
- Each parent shall have access to medical and school records pertaining to the child/ren and be permitted to independently consult with any and all professionals involved with the child/ren. The parents shall cooperate with each other in sharing information related to the health, education and welfare of the child/ren and they shall sign any necessary documentation ensuring that both parents have access to said records.
- Each parent shall be responsible for getting records and reports directly from school and medical care providers.
- Both parents shall have equal and independent authority to confer with the child/ren's school, day care, medical care providers, and other programs with regard to the child/ren's educational, emotional and social progress.

- Both parents shall be listed as “emergency contacts” for the child/ren.
- Parents shall always let each other know their current addresses, home, work and emergency telephone numbers and shall notify each other in writing within 24 hours of any changes.

4.2 Education

The child/ren shall be enrolled in the following programs:

- Child care _____
- Pre-school _____
- Elementary school _____
- Middle school _____
- High school _____
- College _____
- Before or after school at _____
- Study abroad _____
- Summer school _____
- Special education or tutoring or enrichment programs _____
- Home school _____
- Other: _____
- No changes in enrollment or participation shall be made without the consent of both parents.

4.3 Medical

- Unless otherwise noted, the parents shall confer with each other concerning non-emergency medical, psychological, counseling, optical, dental or orthodontic care.
- If there is a dispute regarding the medical, psychological, counseling, optical, dental, or orthodontic care of the child/ren the parents shall defer to the child/ren’s present health care provider and follow his/her advice including the selection of other health care providers.
- The parent arranging a routine medical examination shall give the other parent ____ days notice in advance of the appointment so that the other parent can attend the examination if desired.

- If either parent has any knowledge of any illness, accident, hospitalization or other circumstance seriously affecting the health of the child/ren, that parent shall immediately notify the other parent.

4.4 Extracurricular Activities

- Each parent shall determine the child/ren's non-recurring organized activities, special training and social events while residing with that parent.
- Unless the parents otherwise agree neither shall give permission to the child/ren to engage in social activities that occur while the child/ren is/are with the other parent.
- The parents shall agree before enrolling the child/ren in organized activities such as sports teams, lessons or special training which occur even partially during the other parent's time with the child/ren.
- Each parent shall make a good faith effort to give information to the other parent about events and organized activities in the child/ren's life/lives including school programs, concerts, award ceremonies, plays, sports events and other activities in which the child/ren is/are participating.
- The child/ren shall be involved in the following activities:

- The parents agree that each of them will insure the presence of the child/ren at the agreed upon organized activities: _____

4.5 Religion

- The child/ren's religious upbringing and training shall be as follows: _____
- Each parent has the right to expose the child/ren to a particular religion as he/she sees fit.
- The parents wish to make these arrangements for future religious events in child/ren's life: _____

4.6 Other Issues

- Names:** The child/ren shall be known only by the following name(s):
_____; _____; _____ If
either parent wishes to use another name for the child/ren, the parents must
 confer agree or obtain a court order.
- The parents shall be referred to as _____ and _____.

Other parties _____, _____, _____ shall be referred to as _____, _____, _____.

Driving: In order for the child/ren to obtain a driver's license, use a car, purchase a vehicle or use other vehicles such as motorcycles or all terrain vehicles, the parents must confer agree.

Firearms: Before the child/ren may use a firearm, engage in hunting or target practice, the parents must confer agree.

Legal Actions: Before either parent may be designated as the representative of the child/ren for purposes of legal action, the parents must confer agree.

Military Service: Before the child/ren enlists in the military the parents must confer agree.

Marriage: Before a parent consents to the marriage of a child who under state law is required to obtain parental consent, the parents shall confer agree.

Cosmetic Surgery, body piercing, tattooing: Before either parent consents to cosmetic surgery, body piercing or tattooing, the parents must confer agree.

Child's Employment: Before the child/ren becomes employed, the parents must confer agree.

Entertainment: Before the child/ren is/are allowed to view "R" - rated movies or have unsupervised access to the internet, the parents must confer agree.

Other: _____
The parents must confer agree.

5. **Scheduling** The responsibility for the physical care and immediate, day-to-day supervision of the child/ren is as follows:

5.1 **School Calendar**

- No later than _____ (date) of each year, Father Mother shall obtain the school calendar for the next year and shall mark it or another yearly calendar with Father's time and Mother's time for the school year, holidays and summer under this agreement and give a copy to the other parent. The parents shall discuss any differences by _____ (date) and the parents shall reach an agreement or use the dispute resolution provisions (Sec. 18) by _____ (date). This is the calendar that shall be in effect for the following year.

Section 5.2 Conflicts in Scheduling

- Sometimes “holiday time” or vacation time may conflict with time set aside for the other parent. When this happens, the holiday time or vacation time shall be observed and take priority over all other schedules. For example, if it is one parent’s alternate weekend but the other’s Memorial Day weekend the holiday weekend will take priority.
- Following the change in schedule due to the “holiday time” or vacation time the schedule will resume
 - without regard to the holiday time or vacation time.
 - anew with the parent who missed a scheduled time with the child/ren receiving the next scheduled alternating period.
- Other: _____

6. Regular Schedule The following schedule shall apply beginning _____

6.1 Regular Schedule - Infants to Age 3 (or Older)

- The child/ren shall be with Father Mother at the times listed below and with the other parent at all other times.
 - Tuesday/Thursday Eve and Saturday overnight
Tuesday __pm- __pm
Thursday __pm- __pm
Saturday __am-Sunday __am
 - Wednesday overnight/Saturday overnight
Wednesday __pm-Thursday __am
Saturday__ am- Sunday __pm
 - Wednesday/Friday Eve and Saturday overnight
Wednesday __pm-__pm
Friday __pm-__pm
Saturday __pm-Sunday __pm
 - Wednesday Eve/Sunday daytime
Wednesday __pm-Sunday__pm
 - Other (please specify):

Future:

- This custody schedule shall remain the same as the child/ren get/s older unless the parents agree to modify it or a court modifies the custody order.
- The custody schedule below shall apply when the child/ren is/are older. The custody schedule shall change at the following time: _____
- When the child/ren now age _____ becomes _____, this agreement is subject to modification.

6.2 Regular Schedule - At Least Age 3 thru School Age

- The child/ren shall be with Father Mother at the times listed below and with the other parent at all other times.
- If a weekend plan has been chosen, then on any "no school" days, such as teacher in-service days, the child/ren will stay with the parent who had responsibility for care on the preceding overnight.
- If school is cancelled unexpectedly the parent who was responsible for the child/ren the preceding overnight shall continue to be responsible during that day when school would otherwise be in session.
- If the child/ren is/are ill the parent who was responsible for the child/ren the preceding overnight shall continue to be responsible during the time the child/ren would otherwise be in school or day care.

Alternate weekends:

- Alternate weekends from Friday __pm to Monday am/school.
- Alternate weekends from Friday __pm to Sunday __pm.
- Alternate weekends from Saturday __am to Sunday __pm
- Alternate weekends from: _____

Three full weekends a month:

("Full weekend" means a weekend with a Saturday and Sunday in that month.)

- First three full weekends of every month from Friday __pm to Monday ____am/school.
- First three full weekends of every month from Friday __pm to Sunday __pm.
- First three full weekends of every month from Saturday __am to Sunday __pm.
- First three full weekends of every month from: _____

Every weekend:

- Every weekend from Friday __pm to Monday__ am/school.
- Every weekend from Friday __pm to Sunday __pm.
- Every weekend from Saturday __am to Sunday __pm.
- Every weekend from: _____

Alternate weekends plus weeknight:

- Alternate weekends from Friday __pm - Monday am/school plus every _____ __pm - __pm.
- Alternate weekends from Friday __pm - Sunday __pm plus every _____ __pm - __pm.
- Alternate weekends from Saturday __am to Sunday __pm plus every _____ __pm - __pm.
- Alternate weekends from: _____ plus _____ night on the week when there is no weekend time.
- Alternate weekends from ___ pm to ___ pm plus overnight _____ from ___ to _____.
- Other: _____

Day visits only:

- Every Saturday from __am to __pm.
- Every Sunday from __am to __pm.
- Every (day) from _____ (time) to _____(time)
- Other: _____

Split every week:

- Father Mother from Saturday at __pm to Wednesday drop off at school and the other parent from Wednesday after school until Saturday __pm.
- Father Mother from Sunday __am to Wednesday drop off at school and the other parent from Wednesday after school until Sunday __am.
- Other: _____

Alternate weeks in each home:

- Alternate weeks in Father's home and Mother's home with exchanges every Friday at __pm.
- Alternate weeks in Father's home and Mother's home with exchanges every

_____ (day) at _____ (time).

At the beginning of every calendar year the child/ren shall spend the first two weeks with the parent who has the first week in order to ensure that there is a variation in the weeks from year to year.

Other: _____

Alternate two weeks in each home:

Alternate two weeks in Father's home and Mother's home with exchanges every Friday at __pm plus alternate Friday night from __pm to Saturday __ with other parent.

Alternate two weeks in Father's home and Mother's home with exchanges every Friday at __pm plus alternate Friday night from __pm to __pm with other parent.

Alternate two weeks in Father's home and Mother's home with exchanges every _____ (day) at _____ (time) plus alternate _____ (day) from _____ (time) to _____ with other parent.

Other: _____

Mid-week split and alternate weekends (2-2-5-5)

The schedule shall proceed as follows: The child/ren shall be with Mother Father from Monday at _____ until Wednesday at _____, and with Mother Father from Wednesday at _____ until Friday at _____. The parents shall alternate each weekend from Friday at _____ to Monday at _____. [It is suggested that the same time be selected for all of the beginning and ending times]. During the time the child/ren is/are with a parent for a five-day block, the other parent shall have contact with the child/ren on _____ from _____ until _____.

6.3 Summer Schedule - At Least Age 3 through School Age

Same schedule as school year:

The same schedule shall continue through the summer.

The same schedule shall continue through the summer except that either parent may travel with the child/ren for up to ___ days for a vacation. No later than April 1 the parents shall exchange proposed vacation schedules in writing. In odd years Mother Father shall have first preference for vacation time. In even years Mother Father shall have preference. The parents must respond to the proposed schedules by April 15. If the parent with preference for that year does not respond by April 15, the other parent who has responded by April 15 shall have preference. A detailed itinerary, including locations and telephone numbers where the child/ren and parent can be reached must be provided at least 10 days before travel.

Other: _____

Opposite schedule as school:

The summer schedule shall be the exact opposite of the school year schedule for Father's time and Mother's time.

The summer schedule shall be the exact opposite of the school year schedule for Father's time and Mother's time except that either parent may travel with the child/ren for up to ___ days for a vacation.

No later than April 1 the parents shall exchange proposed vacation schedules in writing. In odd years Mother Father shall have first preference for vacation time. In even years Mother Father shall have preference. The parents must respond to the proposed schedules by April 15. If the parent with preference for that year does not respond by April 15, the other parent who has responded by April 15 shall have preference.

A detailed itinerary, including locations and telephone numbers where the child/ren and parent can be reached must be provided at least 10 days before travel.

Other: _____

* [refer back to specifics in section 6.2. It may be necessary to repeat the choices selected here]

Divided summer:

Father Mother shall have the child/ren from one week after school is out until July 15th and Father Mother shall have the child/ren from July 15th until one week two weeks before school starts. The other parent shall have reasonable parental times arranged between the parents during the summer.

Father Mother shall have the child/ren from the day after school is out until ___ (date) and Father Mother shall have the child/ren from _____(date) until the day before school starts. The other parent shall have specified times of access arranged between the parents during the summer as follows: _____.

Father Mother shall have the child/ren from one week after school is out until _____(date) and Father Mother shall have the child/ren from _____ (date) until one week before school starts. The other parent shall have the child/ren every week from _____ night at ___pm to _____ morning at _____.

Other: _____

Travel during Summer Break:

Either parent may travel with the child/ren during his/her time under the above schedule.

Father Mother may travel with the child/ren for the entire Summer Break in even years. Father Mother may travel for the entire Summer Break in odd years.

- If either parent is going to exercise the "travel during Summer Break" option, he/she must provide notice to the other parent no later than April 1 May 1 Other: _____ of when and where he/she plans to travel with the child/ren. At least 10 days prior to traveling, the parent shall provide a detailed itinerary, including locations, and telephone numbers where the child/ren and parent can be reached during the trip.

Other: _____

6.4 Holidays

Winter School Break (December/January)

- Definition: Winter Break is ____am/pm the last day of school until ____am/pm the day before school starts again.
- Winter Break is defined as: _____

Regular schedule or one parent:

- Whichever parent the child/ren is with that year under the regular parenting schedule shall have that portion of Winter Break.
- Father Mother shall have all of Winter Break every year.

All of break alternate years:

- Father Mother shall have all of Winter Break in even odd years.
- Father Mother shall have all of Winter Break in even odd years.

One-half of break:

- Father Mother shall have first half of Winter Break every year and Father Mother shall have second half of Winter Break every year.
- Father Mother shall have first half of Winter Break in even years and Father Mother shall have the second half of Winter Break. The schedule shall be the opposite in odd years.

Travel during Winter Break:

- Either parent may travel with the child/ren during his/her time under the above schedule.
- Father Mother may travel with the child/ren for the entire Winter Break in even years. Father Mother may travel with the child/ren for the entire Winter Break in odd years.

If either parent is going to exercise the "travel during Winter Break" option, he/she must provide notice to the other parent no later than Sept 1 Sept 15 Oct 1 Oct 15 Other: _____ of when and where they plan to travel with the child/ren. At least 10 days prior to traveling, the parent shall provide a detailed itinerary, including locations, and telephone numbers where the child/ren and parent can be reached during the trip.

Other: _____

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day:

The schedule chosen above shall apply.

In addition to the above schedule, the following applies:

One parent Christmas Eve, one parent Christmas Day - same every year:

Father Mother shall have the child/ren from __am until __pm Christmas Eve and Father Mother shall have the child/ren from __pm Christmas Eve until __pm Christmas Day every year.

One parent Christmas Eve and one parent Christmas Day - alternate years:

Father Mother shall have the child/ren from __am until __pm Christmas Eve and Father Mother shall have the child/ren from __pm Christmas Eve until __pm Christmas Day in even years. The schedule shall be the opposite in odd years.

One parent both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - alternate years:

Father Mother shall have the child/ren Christmas Eve from __am to Christmas Day at __pm in even years. The schedule shall be the opposite in odd years.

One parent both Christmas Eve & Christmas Day – all years.

Other: _____

Martin Luther King Day weekend: defined as Friday __pm to Monday __pm.

defined as _____

whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under the regular schedule.

Father Mother shall have Martin Luther King Day weekend every year.

Father Mother shall have Martin Luther King Day weekend in even years and the other parent shall have Martin Luther King Day weekend in odd years.

Other: _____

- President's Day weekend: defined as Friday __pm to
Monday __pm.
 defined as _____
- whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under the regular schedule.
- Father Mother shall have President's Day weekend every year.
- Father Mother shall have President's Day weekend in even years and the other parent shall have President's Day weekend in odd years.
- Other: _____
- Spring Break: defined as __pm last day of school to __pm the day before school starts (Sunday).
 defined as _____
- whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under the regular schedule.
- Father Mother shall have Spring Break every year.
- Father Mother shall have Spring Break in even years and
- Father Mother shall have Spring Break in odd years.
- Father Mother shall have the first half, the other parent, the second half.
- Other: _____
- Travel during Spring Break:
- Either parent may travel with the child/ren during Spring Break during his/her time and shall give at least 30 days notice to the other parent and a detailed itinerary, locations, and telephone numbers where the child/ren and parent can be reached at least 10 days before travel.
- Other: _____
- Either parent may travel with the child/ren during his/her time under the above schedule.
- Father Mother may travel with the child/ren for the entire Spring Break in even years. Father Mother may travel for the entire Spring Break in odd years.
- If either parent is going to exercise the "travel during Spring Break" option, she/he must provide notice to the other parent no later than Jan 1 Jan 15 Feb 1 Feb 15 Other: _____ of the plans to travel with the child/ren. At least 10 days prior to traveling, the parent shall provide a detailed itinerary, including locations, and telephone numbers where the child/ren and parent can be reached during the trip.
- Other: _____

- Easter Sunday: defined as __am to __pm on Easter Sunday.
 defined as: _____
- whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under the regular schedule.
- Father Mother shall have Easter Sunday every year.
- Father Mother shall have Easter Sunday in even years and
- Father Mother shall have Easter Sunday in odd years.
- Other: _____
- Mother's Day/Father's Day:
- If the child/ren is/are not already with the Mother/Father on this day, then the Mother/Father shall be entitled to have the child/ren for Mother's/Father's Day from _____ to _____
- Other: _____
- Memorial Day weekend: defined as Friday __pm to Monday __pm.
 defined as _____
- whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under the regular schedule.
- Father Mother shall have Memorial Day weekend every year.
- Father Mother shall have Memorial Day weekend in even years and the other parent shall have Memorial Day weekend in odd years.
- Other: _____
- July 4th: defined as __am to __pm on July 4th to ____ on July 5th
 defined as _____
- whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under the regular schedule.
- Father Mother shall have July 4th every year.
- Father Mother shall have July 4th in even years and
- Father Mother shall have July 4th in odd years.
- Other: _____
- Labor Day weekend: defined as Friday __pm to Monday __pm.
 defined as _____
- whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under the regular schedule.
- Father Mother shall have Labor Day weekend every year.

Father Mother shall have Labor Day weekend in even years and the other parent shall have Labor Day weekend in odd years.

Other: _____

Columbus Day weekend: defined as Friday __pm to Monday __pm.

defined as _____

whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under the regular schedule.

Father Mother shall have Columbus Day weekend every year.

Father Mother shall have Columbus Day weekend in even years and the other parent shall have Columbus Day weekend in odd years.

Other: _____

Halloween: defined as __pm to __pm on Halloween day.
 defined as _____

whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under our regular schedule.

Father Mother shall have Halloween every year.

Father Mother shall have Halloween in even years and

Father Mother shall have Halloween in odd years.

Other: _____

Thanksgiving: defined as __am to __pm on Thanksgiving Day.

defined as Wednesday after school until _____
(day & time)

defined as _____

whichever parent the child/ren is/are with that year under our regular schedule.

Father Mother shall have Thanksgiving every year.

Father Mother shall have Thanksgiving in even years and

Father Mother shall have Thanksgiving in odd years.

Mother shall have Wednesday/Thursday in ____ years and Friday/Saturday in ____ years.

Father shall have Wednesday/Thursday in ____ years and Friday/Saturday in ____ years.

Other: _____

- Passover: defined as __pm to __pm.
 Father Mother shall have the first night second night every year.
 Father Mother shall have the first night second night every year.
 Other: _____

- Hanukkah: defined as __pm to __pm.
 Father Mother shall have nights: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 (*circle which nights*)
 Father Mother shall have nights: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 (*circle which nights*)

- Yom Kippur: _____
 Rosh Hashanah: _____

Other holidays and other school recesses: (please specify)

6.5 Birthdays

Father's Birthday is: _____(date)

Mother's Birthday is: _____(date)

Parent's Birthday:

- When it is Father's or Mother's birthday, the birthday parent shall be entitled to have the child/ren for _____ hours on the birthday and shall give notice to the other parent of his/her plan to exercise this option at least three days in advance.
- Other: _____

Child/ren's Birthday:

- When it is the child/ren's birthday, the child/ren will be with Father during even odd years and with Mother on the even odd years.
- The parents will hold a joint birthday celebration every year with Father organizing it during even odd years and Mother organizing it during the other years.
- Alternate birthdays with each parent in the case of multiple children.
- Other: _____

6.6 Schedule Changes Time spent with the child/ren is both a right and a responsibility.

- A parent making a request for a change shall make the request:

in person by phone in writing by e-mail
 any method is acceptable.

A parent making a request for a change shall make the request as soon a possible, but in any event, no less than
 24 hours one week two weeks other _____
before the change is to occur.

A parent receiving a request for a change shall respond as soon as possible, but in any event must respond within
 24 hours one week two weeks other _____
after receiving the request.

A parent receiving a request shall respond:
 in person by phone in writing by e-mail
 any method is acceptable.

A parent requesting a change of schedule shall be responsible for any additional child care or transportation costs resulting from the change.

If a parent fails to care for the child/ren during scheduled time that parent shall be responsible for finding alternative care for the child/ren. The other parent may provide care.

If one of the parents must incur expenses to provide care for the child/ren when it is the responsibility of the other parent to do so, the parent initially responsible shall bear the expense of the alternative care.

7. Transportation and Exchanges of Child/ren

7.1 Transportation

- The parent receiving the child/ren shall transport the child/ren.
- Father Mother shall provide all the transportation between parents.
- The parent receiving the child/ren is responsible for transportation
- The parent transferring the child/ren to another location. shall be responsible for the transportation.
- Other: _____

7.2 Exchanges

- Exchanges shall be at Mother's and Father's homes unless another place is agreed upon.

- Exchanges shall be at _____ unless another place is agreed upon.
- When school is in session all exchanges shall occur at the child/ren's school.
- When school is not in session exchanges shall take place at _____ (location) at _____ (time, if not previously specified in the plan).
- Exchanges shall occur on time. Each parent shall be on time for the drop off and pick up of the child/ren and shall have the child/ren ready. If a parent is more than 30 minutes late without contacting the other parent to make other arrangements; the parent with the child/ren may proceed with other plans and activities for the child/ren.
- Exchanges shall occur on time. Each parent shall be on time for the drop off and pick up of the child/ren and shall have the child/ren ready. If a parent is more than _____ late without contacting the other parent to make other arrangements; the parent with the child/ren may proceed with other plans and activities for the child/ren.
- Each parent shall give the other parent information about the child/ren's homework, school projects, appointments and activities that need attention while the child/ren is/are with the other parent.
- Each parent will talk to the other parent about the child/ren's sleep and eating schedule, any medications or health matters and their general condition before exchanges.
- When exchanging the child/ren the parents shall neither discuss other issues nor fight, nor be sarcastic nor demonstrate anger during the exchange.
- Other: _____

8. Special Circumstances

8.1 Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect The parents agree to the following because of past circumstances involving domestic violence or child abuse and neglect:

- All reports and records made available to Mother Father shall not include the address of the other parent or the child/ren if residing with the parent with the confidential address.
- All caregivers shall be notified of any restrictions regarding contact with the child/ren.
- Mother Father shall have supervised visits with the child/ren. The visits shall be held at (specify time) the following times:

and under the following conditions: _____

The length of visits shall be (specify): _____

The visits shall be supervised by:

- mutually-agreed third party: _____
 professional person/agency: _____
 alternate: _____

The costs of the supervised visits will be paid as follows: _____

Confirmation of the willingness to supervise visits will be obtained in the following manner: _____

Exchanges of the child/ren shall be supervised by a mutually agreed upon

- third party _____
 professional person/agency (specify) _____
 alternate _____
 for the beginning of parenting time
 for the end of parenting time
 for the entire parenting time

Mother Father shall not have visits with the child/ren at this time.

She/he may maintain contact with the child/ren through:

- phone letter mail other: _____
 daily weekly

She/he may not have contact at this time.

Mother Father agrees to seek counseling with _____

At the completion of the counseling the provider shall submit a statement by affidavit acknowledging

- the parent's fitness to resume contact
 a recommendation for unsupervised visitation
 a recommendation for continued supervision under specified conditions

8.2 Alcohol or Substance Abuse The parents agree to the following:

All reports and records made available to Mother Father shall not include the address of the other parent if the address has been given protection with an order of confidentiality.

Mother Father shall continue to attend a 12 step or similar program and provide evidence to the other parent of such attendance.

Mother Father agrees to seek counseling with _____
At the completion of the counseling the provider shall submit a statement by affidavit acknowledging:

- the parent's fitness to resume contact

- a recommendation for unsupervised visitation with the child/ren
- a recommendation for continued supervision under specified conditions

Mother Father shall modify her/his behavior in the presence of the child/ren in the following ways:

- She/he shall not operate a motor vehicle within ___ hours of consuming drugs or alcohol.
- She/he shall not consume alcohol or drugs within ____ hours of visiting with the child/ren.
- She/he will not consume alcohol or drugs while the child/ren is/are in her/his care.
- She/he shall not allow others to consume alcohol or drugs in the presence of the child/ren.
- She/he shall submit to a drug and alcohol screening performed by _____ on a _____ basis for _____ (time period).

Mother Father shall have supervised visits with the child/ren. The visits shall be held at (specify time) the following times:

_____ and under the following conditions: _____

The length of visits shall be (specify) _____

The visits shall be supervised by:

- mutually agreed third party _____
- professional person/agency _____
- alternate _____
- The costs of the supervised visits will be paid as follows: _____

Confirmation of the willingness to supervise visits will be obtained in the following manner: _____

Exchanges of the child/ren shall be supervised by a mutually agreed upon

- third party _____
- professional person/agency (specify) _____
- for the beginning of parenting time
- for the end of parenting time
- for the entire parenting time

Mother Father shall not have visits with the child/ren at this time.

- She/he may maintain contact with the child/ren through:
 - phone letter mail other: _____
 - daily weekly

She/he may not have contact at this time

9. Move by Parent - Notice and Future Schedule

- Each parent shall give at least ____ days written notice to the other parent of any intent to move.
- After receiving notice of a move, the parents shall review the parenting agreement to try to reach a modified parenting agreement that shall be best for the child/ren.
- The child/ren shall stay with the remaining parent until the parents reach a modified parenting agreement or the court orders a modification after a parent has filed a motion to modify custody.
- The agreed-upon parenting schedule shall be maintained until a court has made a determination or there is an agreement in writing upon a modified parenting plan.
- It is agreed that it is in the best interests of their child/ren to maintain contact with both parents. For this reason neither parent shall move more than _____ miles or a ____ minute drive from the other parent.
- The parents agree that they will not seek to change the parenting schedule because of a move regardless of state law, unless the moving party can establish by a preponderance of the evidence that it is in the best interest of the child/ren to do so.

10. Vacations and Travel by Child/ren

- Either parent may travel with the child/ren during his/her custody time. The parent traveling with the child/ren shall give the other parent at least ____ days notice before traveling out of state unless there is an emergency, and shall provide the other parent with a detailed itinerary, including locations and telephone numbers where the child/ren and parent can be reached at least ____ days before traveling.
- The child/ren may travel for an organized school, religious, or social activity, as arranged by the parent the child/ren is/are with during that parent's time. If the child/ren is/are involved in a special activity, the parents agree that it is in his/her/their best interest that the child/ren travels during one parent's time.
- If the child/ren is/are traveling for an organized school, religious, or social activity, or with relatives or similar travel for more than _____ days, the parent who made the arrangements shall give the information to the other parent in advance of the travel.
- When the child/ren travel(s) for more than _____ days, the parent or person traveling with the parent or person traveling with the child/ren shall have the child/ren call the other parent every _____ day(s).
- Other: _____

10.1 Foreign Travel

- The parents agree that the child/ren may travel with the other parent out of the country. At least ____ days prior to traveling, the parent shall provide a

detailed itinerary, including locations, and telephone numbers where the child/ren and parent can be reached during the trip. Each parent agrees to provide whatever documentation is necessary for the other parent to take the child/ren out of the country.

- If Father Mother wishes to travel to a foreign country, Father Mother shall:
 - Post a bond in the amount of _____, the proceeds of which shall be used to secure the child/ren's return.
 - _____ shall hold the child/ren's passport.
 - _____ shall surrender the child/ren's passports and other travel documents to _____.
 - _____ shall not apply for, or obtain, a new or replacement passport for the child/ren.
- If _____ is permitted to leave the United States with the child/ren, _____ shall _____ days in advance of leaving, notify the relevant foreign consulate or embassy of _____ of the following travel and passport restrictions on the child/ren's travel and shall serve proof of that notification _____ days before leaving filed with the above identified court and serve _____ days before leaving the State of _____.
- Father Mother shall not travel with the child/ren to a foreign country that is not a signatory to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.
- The court reserves jurisdiction to restrict the right of the custodial or noncustodial parent to remove the child/ren from the State of _____ and/or the United States.
- If _____ is permitted by this court to leave the State of/the United States with the child/ren, _____ shall register this judgment in _____ before taking _____ out of the State of _____ or the United States.
- If _____ is permitted to leave the State of _____ or the United States with the child/ren, then as a prerequisite to allowing _____ to travel to the State of _____ country of _____ for visits, _____ shall obtain an order from _____ (state or country containing terms identical to this custody and visitation judgment but directing that judgment not to be modified or enforced pursuant to the laws of the other state/country).
- If _____ is permitted to leave the State of _____ or the United States with the child/ren, _____ shall _____ days before leaving the State of _____ file with the court and serve _____:
 - A written travel itinerary of the child/ren.
 - Photocopies of round trip airline tickets for the child/ren and _____.
 - A written list of addresses and telephone numbers where the

child/ren can be reached at all times.

- If ____ is permitted to leave the State of ____ or the United States with the child/ren, ____ shall provide ____ with an open round trip airline ticket in case the child/ren is/are not returned.
- Law enforcement agencies where the child/ren is/are located are authorized to assist ____ in the recovery of ____ in the event ____ does not return ____ to the county of ____, State of ____.
- The telephone number and address of the Child Abduction Unit (if any) where this parenting agreement and visitation judgment is made are _____.
- Nothing in this judgment affects the applicability of any penal statute.
- If a parent takes the child/ren out of the State of ____ that parent shall have the child/ren telephone the other parent upon arrival at his/her/their destination, have the child/ren telephone the other parent every ____ day, telephone the other parent before departure to return to the State of ____, and telephone the other parent upon arrival in the city of ____, or State of ____ or airport in the State of ____ or the United States.

11. Parent Traveling

- If either parent is traveling for more than ____ days or ____ nights, he/she shall let the other parent know in advance where he/she can be reached in the event of an emergency or if the child/ren want(s) to contact the parent.
- If either parent is traveling for more than ____ days or ____ nights, he/she shall leave information with another adult in the home where he/she can be reached in the event of an emergency or if the child/ren want(s) to contact him/her.
- Other: _____

12. Care of the Child/ren

12.1 Parent Remarks and Behavior

- The child/ren has/have the right to be free of negative comments and behavior by one parent about the other. The parents shall not criticize or otherwise be disrespectful of each other in the presence of the child/ren and shall not permit others do this.
- Other: _____

12.2 Child/ren as Messengers

- All communications regarding the child/ren shall be between the parents and the parents will not use the child/ren as messengers to convey information, ask questions or set up schedule changes.

The parents shall keep a notebook that goes back and forth with the child/ren that gives information about the schedule, problems, eating, sleeping, cute stories, new experiences, medications, if any, and other information for the other parent. The parents will stop using the notebook when both parents agree.

Other: _____

12.3 Discipline

Either parent may use reasonable discipline techniques, but the parents shall not use physical discipline.

Either parent may use reasonable discipline techniques, with physical discipline as a last resort.

Either parent may use reasonable discipline techniques, including physical discipline.

Other: _____

12.4 Other

If the child/ren forgets his/her/their medication, sports gear (in case of a team event) or homework, and such medication, sports gear or homework is at the home of the other parent, the parent with the child/ren shall notify the other parent and arrange for a time for the medication, sports gear or homework to be picked up/delivered. If the parent cannot be contacted by telephone, the parent with the child/ren will leave the other parent a detailed message regarding the problem and indicating at what time the child/ren will retrieve the medication, sports gear or homework.

Except in the event of a medical emergency, or need to obtain forgotten medication, sports gear or homework, neither a parent nor the child/ren shall, without giving advance notice, enter the home of the other parent when that parent is not present.

13. Communication between Parents

The parents shall communicate with each other:

in person by telephone by letter

by e-mail

Other: _____

14. Contact with the Child/ren when with the Other Parent

14.1 Telephone

Each parent will try to maintain an operable answering machine so that the child/ren can leave and receive the other parent's messages.

The child/ren may telephone the other parent whenever the child/ren wants.

The child/ren may telephone the other parent at the following times

- _____ or at least _____ times a week.
- The parent the child/ren is/are not with shall make an effort to talk at least _____ times a week month by calling the child/ren at reasonable times.
 - The parent the child/ren is/are not with shall telephone on the following days and times: _____
 - If a message is left from the parent for the child/ren, the other parent shall assist the child/ren in returning the call.
 - Reasonable times to call the child/ren at the other parent's home are:
 - between 8am and 8pm
 - between ___ am and ___ pm
 - Telephone calls and other communication shall not be monitored by the other parent unless either believes in good faith that the child/ren is/are having a problem.
 - Contact with the other parent shall not exceed _____ minutes in a 24 hour time frame.
 - Other: _____

14.2 Mail

- The child/ren shall be given all mail and packages sent by the other parent. If any mail or packages are withheld the other parent shall be informed immediately.
- The child/ren and the other parent may communicate by e-mail when computers are available.
- Either parent may send audio tapes, including story tapes and video tapes to the child/ren.

15. Child Care by a Non-Parent

- Each parent may choose appropriate child care providers.
- The parents will be the primary child care providers unless otherwise agreed.
- Other: _____

16. Grandparents and Extended Family

- Each parent agrees that each shall provide the child/ren with access to the grandparents and extended family on his/her own side of the family as the parent decides is in the child/ren's best interest during his/her parenting time.
- The parents will cooperate to help the child/ren attend special events with grandparents and extended family by making reasonable requests of each other, considering the school situation and the child/ren's best interest and needs.
- Other: _____

17. Changes or Modification of the Agreement

- This agreement may be varied for special events, changes in circumstances and to adjust to the child/ren's schedule when the parents agree. However, when the parents do not agree to change something, this agreement will remain in effect.
- Either parent may file a motion to modify child custody with the court when the parent believes that there has been a substantial change in circumstances such that it is in the best interest of the child/ren that the agreement be substantially modified by the court. Any dispute resolution provisions agreed to in Section 18 shall apply.
- When the parents decide to make a substantial change in the agreement, such as the custody arrangement, it shall be put in writing and signed by both parents and filed with the court with a motion to modify.
- Minor changes in the agreement, such as travel times or exchange times can be put in writing, signed by both parents, for clarification and for a record, but are not required to be filed with the court.
- Any change in the agreement must be in writing and signed by both parents.
- This plan will be reviewed _____

18. Disputes

- Whenever possible the parents shall discuss the issues and attempt to reach an agreement based on what is best for the child/ren at that particular time.
- If the parents are unable to reach an agreement on an important issue about the child/ren after discussing it with the other parent, either parent may initiate dispute resolution by:
 - Arranging for the parents to meet with a counselor to discuss and try and reach agreement.
 - Arranging for the parents to meet with a mediator to try and reach an agreement.
 - Notification of a desire to institute dispute resolution processes shall be made in writing by certified mail other: _____
 - The parents shall share the cost of the mediation or counseling service equally other: _____
 - If the dispute cannot be resolved within ____ days, either parent may initiate legal action to seek judicial resolution.
 - These provisions shall not be applicable if immediate court action is necessary in an emergency situation to protect the child/ren or one of the parents.
 - _____(name) has agreed to be an arbitrator and after each of the parents presents what he/she thinks is best for the child/ren the arbitrator shall make the final decision. [Where permitted by state law.]

Other: _____

19. Child Support

- The presumed correct child support amount is _____.
(Documentation concerning the calculations is attached).
- The parents agree that the presumed amount is accurate and agree that
 Mother Father shall pay that amount to the other parent.
- An income assignment shall shall not issue for the
child support amount.
- The child support should be paid directly to Mother Father.
- Said child support payments shall be made through the

(appropriate court office or government agency)

20. Other Expenses

20.1 Health Care

- Mother Father currently has available to him/her through his/her
employment a health insurance plan which is available at a reasonable
cost. It is in the best interests of the minor child/ren that said parent be
required to maintain said health insurance plan for the minor child/ren.
- The name, address, and contact number of the plan(s) is as follows:

- Mother Father shall provide health care coverage for the child/ren.
- Mother Father shall provide dental coverage for the child/ren.
- Mother Father shall provide vision insurance for the child/ren.
- The insurance coverage shall not have a deductible in excess of
_____ (specify) dollars.
- The parent providing the insurance agrees to provide necessary cards to
the other parent and to provide verification of continued coverage by April 15
of each year.
- The parents shall be responsible for paying any costs for hospital,
medical, dental, vision, orthodontic, prescription, and counseling for the
minor child/ren that is not paid by any insurance coverage. These
uninsured expenses shall be apportioned between the parents with
Mother paying ____% and Father paying ____%.
- If a particular hospital, medical, dental, vision, orthodontic, prescription,
and counseling procedure is for any reason a procedure which is not an
insured procedure or expense, the parents shall pay all costs of that
treatment or prescription so long as the procedure or prescription is
prescribed by a licensed health care professional.

- The parents agree that any single expenditure under this section or an uninsured expense not required by the child's health care provider, in excess of ____ dollars or multiple expenses in excess of ____ dollars in a calendar year shall require the pre-approval of the other parent.
- The parents shall pay the cost of counseling for the child/ren, including and not limited to counseling for the child/ren in which either or both parents participate, which is a medical expense explicitly included as an expense to be paid by them regardless of whether or not it is an insured procedure.
- The maximum cost shall, in any event, be limited to that amount charged by the provider, physician, or medical institution providing the services which is the ordinary and customary charge for the medical, dental, vision, orthodontic, prescription, or counseling service in the hospital or other medical facility where the procedure is performed. Any co-payment required by an insurance carrier shall be deemed an uninsured expense for purposes of this Parenting Plan.
- The purchase by either parent of routine drug store, analgesic and Other over the-counter items are explicitly excluded from these provisions. The cost of such is to be paid by the purchasing parent.
- The parent incurring the uninsured expense shall provide a copy of each bill, including co-payments to the other parent and submit covered expenses to the insurer for payment. Said bill shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of said bill, either by paying the medical provider or reimbursing the other parent.
- The parent providing coverage shall provide the other parent with written notice of the identity of all insurers and the serial or other identifying numbers of said insurance and a card to use in obtaining health care for the child/ren.
- If either parent receives a reimbursement check for an expense paid by the other parent said reimbursement check will be turned over to the parent who paid the expense within ____ days of the receipt of said reimbursement check.
- A Qualified Medical Child Support Order will be entered.

20.2 Extracurricular Activities

- Mother Father shall pay ____% and Mother Father shall pay ____% of the cost of lessons, fees or tuition associated with activities outlined in Section 4.4.
- Mother Father will pay the entire cost of an activity that he/she enrolls the child/ren in without the other parent's consent.
- Other: _____

20.3 Educational Expenses

- Mother Father shall pay ____% and Mother Father shall pay ____% of the cost of
- Private school tuition
 - Private school room and board
- All other expenses associated with school activities including
- uniforms, class trips, activity fees, book fees,
 - fees for AP classes, transportation shall be paid as follows: _____.
- The parents agree to pay for college expenses including
- tuition (up to a maximum of ____ per year);
 - tuition up to the amount charged by ____ State University for the preceding year.
 - room & board, application fees, activities fees, books, sorority/fraternity dues, computer shall be paid as follows: _____
- No single expense of ____ dollars or aggregate expenses of ____ for a school year shall be incurred by either parent without prior consent of the other parent for the expenditure.
- The provision of education expenses will be considered child support and enforceable as such.

20.4 Pets

- Mother Father shall pay ____% and Mother Father shall pay ____% of the cost of the expenses of pets and pet care including veterinarian services.
- The parent who purchases or otherwise obtains the pet for the child/ren and maintains it in the home shall pay the expenses associated with the pet.

20.5 Special Events

- Mother Father shall pay ____% and Mother Father shall pay ____% of the cost of special events such as birthday parties, wedding, and/or celebrations related to religious occasions.
- No single expense of ____ dollars or aggregate expenses of a special event shall be incurred by either parent without prior consent of the other parent for the expenditure.

20.6 Life Insurance & Disability Insurance

- Each parent shall maintain a life insurance policy in the face amount of \$_____ with the child/ren named as (an) irrevocable beneficiary/ies with each parent naming the other parent as trustee or having the right to select another adult person to act as trustee, for the life insurance proceeds on behalf of their child/ren. Said policies shall be enforceable until the child/ren is/are no longer a minor under the law of the State of _____
- Each parent shall provide written proof of compliance with this agreement once a year upon the request of the other parent.
- Each parent shall maintain a disability insurance policy in the amount of _____ to cover the child support obligation in the event of a loss of income due to disability.

20.7 Auto Insurance

- Mother shall provide _____% Father shall provide _____% of the automobile insurance for the child/ren when he/she/they receive a driver's license and has access to a vehicle.
- Other: _____

20.8 Prior Approval of Expenses

- Except as otherwise provided in the Parenting Plan, neither parent can financially bind the other without the other parent's express consent in writing.

21. Taxes

- No agreements are made. Federal, state, and local tax law applies.
- Father Mother shall have all the tax benefits resulting from reporting the child/ren on his/her income tax return.
- The parent has the right to report the child/ren on his/her federal, state and local income tax returns provided that he/she is current on his/her child support obligations on Dec. 31 of that tax year as follows:
 - child: _____ Father Mother
 - child: _____ Father Mother

- Each parent agrees that in the event he/she shall no longer realizes the benefit of the exemption that he/she shall notify the other parent by February 15, and, if that is the parent providing more than one-half of the child/ren's support and with whom the child/ren reside(s) more than one-half the year, that parent shall execute IRS form 8332 assigning the child/ren's FDE and F tax credit to the other parent.

22. Designation for State and Federal Statutes

The child/ren named in this parenting plan is scheduled to reside the majority of the time with Mother Father **solely** for the purposes of any State or federal law that require(s) a designation of “custodian”. This designation shall not affect either parent’s rights under this parenting plan.

23. Breach

- If a breach of this parenting plan results in the other parent employing an attorney to enforce the terms of this plan, then the parent breaching the parenting plan shall pay the reasonable attorney’s fees, cost, and damages incurred by the other parent in the enforcement action.
- No attorney’s fees shall be recovered unless the parent seeking enforcement shall have given the other party a written notice of the alleged failure to perform and said failure was not cured within 5 days of receipt of the notice.
- The breach of this parenting plan shall be construed by any court of competent jurisdiction as a substantial and continuing change of circumstances sufficient for the court to have jurisdiction to modify this agreement.
- A violation of this judgment may subject the parent in violation to civil or criminal penalties, or both.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that I am signing this agreement freely and voluntarily for the purposes stated therein. I understand that if this agreement becomes an order of the court it may be enforced by contempt, the penalties for which may include incarceration, civil monetary penalties, and/or community service.

Father’s Signature

Date

Mother’s Signature

Date