

In all cases involving permanent custody or custody modification (except when a parent seeks emergency relief for family violence), each parent shall prepare and submit a parenting plan, or the parties may jointly submit a parenting plan, as directed by the judge.

The parenting plan should be tailored to fit the needs of each individual family but must at a minimum contain the information required by OCGA section 19-9-1 (b) and be presented in substantially the following form:

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
STATE OF GEORGIA

Plaintiff,	,	)	Civil Action
		)	
vs.		)	Case Number _____
		)	
Defendant.	,	)	

**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 has been prepared by the judge.

This plan  is a new plan.  
 modifies an existing Parenting Plan dated \_\_\_\_\_.  
 modifies an existing Order dated \_\_\_\_\_.

Child's Name	Date of Birth

**I. Custody and Decision Making:**

**A. Legal Custody shall be (choose one:)**

- with the Mother
- with the Father
- Joint

**B. Primary Physical Custodian**

For each of the children named below the primary physical custodian shall be:

	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	d/o/b:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint

WHERE JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS CHOSEN BY THE PARENTS OR ORDERED BY THE COURT, A DETAILED PLAN OF THE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE CHILD(REN) SHALL BE ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF THIS PARENTING PLAN.

**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 that parent, including any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of a child.

**D. Major Decisions**

Major decisions regarding each child shall be made as follows:

- |                            |                                 |                                 |                                |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Educational decisions      | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| Non-emergency health care  | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| Religious upbringing       | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| Extracurricular activities | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |
| _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> joint |

**E. Disagreements**

Where parents have elected joint decision making in Section I.D above, please explain how any disagreements in decision-making will be resolved.

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**II. Parenting Time/Visitation Schedules**

**A. 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 (choose an item):

- The weekend of the first and third Friday of each month.
- The weekend of the first, third, and fifth Friday of each month.
- The weekend of the second and fourth Friday of each month.
- Every other weekend starting on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Each \_\_\_\_\_ starting at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. and ending \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- and weekday parenting time/ visitation on (choose an item):
  - None
  - Every Wednesday Evening
  - Every other Wednesday during the week prior to a non-visitation weekend.
  - Every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ evening.
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For purposes of this parenting plan, a weekend will start at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. on [Thursday / Friday / Saturday / Other: \_\_\_\_\_] and end at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. on [Sunday / Monday / Other: \_\_\_\_\_].

Weekday visitation will begin at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. and will end [\_\_p.m. / when the child(ren) return(s) to school or day care the next morning / Other: \_\_\_\_\_].

This parenting schedule begins:

- \_\_\_\_\_ OR  date of the Court's Order (day and time)

**B. Major Holidays and Vacation Periods**

**Thanksgiving**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_.

**Winter Vacation**

The ( ) mother ( ) father shall have the child(ren) for the first period from the day and time school is dismissed until December \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. in ( ) odd numbered years ( ) even numbered years ( ) every year. The other parent will have the child(ren) for the second period from the day and time indicated above until 6:00 p.m. on the evening before school resumes. Unless otherwise indicated, the parties shall alternate the first and second periods each year.

Other agreement of the parents:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Summer Vacation**

Define summer vacation period:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_.

**Spring Vacation (if applicable)**

Define: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fall Vacation (if applicable)**

Define: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Other Holiday Schedule (if applicable)**

*Indicate if child(ren) will be with the parent in ODD or EVEN numbered years or indicate EVERY year:*

	<b>MOTHER</b>	<b>FATHER</b>
Martin Luther King Day	_____	_____
Presidents' Day	_____	_____
Mother's Day	_____	_____
Memorial Day	_____	_____
Father's Day	_____	_____
July Fourth	_____	_____
Labor Day	_____	_____
Halloween	_____	_____
Child(ren)'s Birthday(s)	_____	_____
Mother's Birthday	_____	_____
Father's Birthday	_____	_____
Religious Holidays:	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____
	_____	_____

**D. Other extended periods of time during school, etc. (refer to the school schedule)**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E. Start and end dates for holiday visitation**

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

- ( ) 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 Schedules**

Check if applicable:

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

( ) When the child(ren) is/are with a parent for an extended parenting time/visitation period (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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ will be responsible for transportation of the child at the beginning of visitation.

The \_\_\_\_\_ will be responsible for transportation of the child at the conclusion of visitation.

Transportation costs, if any, will be allocated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other provisions: \_\_\_\_\_

### **H. Contacting the child**

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

( ) Telephone

( )

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

( ) Limitations on contact:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **I. Supervision of Parenting Time (if applicable)**

( ) Check here if Applicable

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

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Person/Organization supervising: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibility for cost:

( ) mother      ( ) father      ( ) both equally

**J. Communication Provisions**

Please check:

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

( ) 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.

**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.

Limitations on access rights:

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Other Information Sharing Provisions:

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**IV. Modification of Plan or Disagreements**

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 must make a good faith effort to resolve the issue between them.

**V. Special Considerations**

Please attach an addendum detailing any special circumstances of which the Court should be aware (e.g., health issues, educational issues, etc.)

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**VI. Parents' Consent**

Please review the following and initial:

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

Mother's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

2. We recognize that our child's needs will change and grow as the child 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's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

3. We recognize that the parent with physical custody will make the day-to-day decisions and emergency decisions while the child is residing with such parent.

Mother's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Father's Signature

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Mother's Signature



\_\_\_\_\_ County  
File Action File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER**

The Court has reviewed the foregoing Parenting Plan, and it is hereby made the Order of this Court.

SO ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE, Superior Courts  
\_\_\_\_\_ Judicial Circuit

