

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ROCKDALE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

_____)
Plaintiff,)
) Civil Action No: _____
vs.)
)
_____)
Defendant.)

PERMANENT 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/Judgment dated _____.

1. 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 is:

	Yr -Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	Yr -Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	Yr -Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint
	Yr -Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint

Mother's Initials

Father's Initials

WHERE JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS PROPOSED BY THE PARENTS OR ORDERED BY THE COURT, A DETAILED PLAN OF THE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE CHILD(REN) SHALL BE ATTACHED HERETO 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, or in the physical custody of, 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 Mother Father Joint
- Non-emergency healthcare Mother Father Joint
- Religious upbringing Mother Father Joint
- Extracurricular activities Mother Father Joint

- _____ Mother Father Joint

- _____ Mother Father Joint

- _____ Mother Father Joint

E. Disagreements

Where parents elect joint decision making in Section 1(D), directly above, please explain how disagreements for final decision-making will be resolved.

- Primary physical custodial parent has final decision making authority.

- The plan detailed below, which must provide a tie breaker method so that a final decision will be promptly made.)

2. Parenting Time/Visitation Schedules

A. Definitions & Times for Weekend & Weekday Parenting

For the purposes of this parenting plan, the following definitions and times apply:

Weekend: A weekend starts at 6:00 PM on (select day) [Thursday / Friday / Saturday / Other: _____] and ends at 6:00 PM on (select day) [Sunday/ Monday / Other: _____].

Weekday: Weekday visitation, listed below begins at _____ a.m./p.m. and ends:

[] at _____ p.m.; or

[] at the designated time when the child(ren) is/are to be returned to school or day care on the next morning; or

[] Other: _____

[] This schedule shall follow the annual [] Rockdale County Public Schools [] _____ published calendar unless otherwise indicated herein.

This parenting schedule begins: [] _____

[] _____ date of Court's Order (day and time)

During the term of this parenting plan the non-custodial parent shall have at a minimum the following rights of parenting time/visitation (choose applicable items):

[] The first and third weekend of each month.

[] The first, third, and alternate fifth weekend of each month.

[] The second and fourth weekend of each month.

[] The second, fourth and alternative fifth weekend of each month.

[] Every other weekend starting on _____.

[] Weekday parenting time/ visitation on (choose an item):

[] None.

[] Every _____ (insert day of week) evening.

[] Every other _____ (insert day of week) evening during the week before a non-visitation weekend.

[] Every _____ (insert day of week) and _____ (insert day of week) evening.

[] Other: _____

[] In the event any parenting time set forth is denied the *Non-Primary Physical Custodial Parent* (NPPCP) because of any unforeseen emergency or illness, the *Primary Physical Custodial Parent* (PPCP) shall promptly notify NPPCP and the parents shall, at that time, agree to an alternate time for make up time with the child(ren) so as to insure that NPPCP's total number of days with the child(ren) shall not be decreased. In the event the parents cannot agree at that time as to the appropriate make-up time, then the NPPCP's default make-up time for amount of parenting time lost shall be the very next non-holiday weekend/weekday(s) thereafter. (This means that a parent may, from time to time, have consecutive parenting weekends.)

**B. Major Holidays and Vacation Periods
Thanksgiving**

[] **Odd numbered years:** The [] mother [] father shall have the child(ren) from 6 p.m. on Wednesday until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

[] **Even numbered years:** The [] mother [] father shall have the child(ren) from 6 p.m. on Wednesday until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

[] **Other:** _____

Winter Break – Vacation

(First period begins on the date school is dismissed. The second period begins on the date chosen by the parties and ends on the day before school resumes. The same schedule applies to pre-school age children. The parents shall follow the annual public school calendar set forth hereinabove, unless otherwise indicated herein.)

First period: 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.

Second period: 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/order of the court: _____

_____.

Summer Vacation (Define summer vacation period)

Weeks during the months of June, July and August from when the traditional school year ends until the beginning of the traditional school year.

Other definition: _____

Each parent has the right to have sole and exclusive summer vacation time with the child(ren) which supersedes other weekend and other visitations.

Fixed Annual Summer Vacation Period (check applicable)

The Mother shall have summer vacation with the child(ren) each year from the first second third fourth _____
(insert day of week) of _____ (month) until the first
 second third fourth _____ (insert day of week)
of _____ (month) for a total of _____ weeks.

The Father shall have summer vacation with the child(ren) each year from the first second third fourth _____
(insert day of week) of _____ (month) until the first
 second third fourth _____ (insert day of week)
of _____ (month) for a total of _____ weeks.

Summer Vacation Period Chosen Annually

[] The plan incorporates the duty to give advance notices, effect of failure to give timely notice and summer vacation times periods to be chosen on a year to year basis.

	Mother	Father
Advance notice shall be given no later than:	By April 1 st .	By April 1st

(Intent of this advance notice provision requires that the parents coordinate their respective vacation plans and any summer camp/extracurricular activities for any child.)

Failure to give notice:	Then Father has first priority to select his weeks.	He must give 14 days' notice and is subject to Mother's camp/vacation plans already made.
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Amount of time shall be inclusive of week-ends times with that parent and shall be consecutive.	A period(s) of 2 weeks	A period(s) of 2 weeks
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In no event will the non-primary custodial parent's time with each child be within the first seven (7) days after the academic school year ends or within seven (7) days before the academic school year begins unless otherwise specifically agreed to by the parents.

[] Other: The regular day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth below: *(if applicable)*

beginning_____.

Spring Vacation *(if applicable)*

[] Consecutive days during the month(s) of March or April when the traditional school year calendar has a one week holiday period. (May include and supersede Easter Sunday in certain years.)

[] Other definition: _____

[] The **Mother** shall have Spring Vacation with the child(ren)
[] odd [] even numbered years from 6 p.m. on the day the child(ren) is/are released from school until 6 p.m. on the day before the child(ren) is/are to return to school.

[] The **Father** shall have Spring Vacation with the child(ren)
[] odd [] even numbered years from 6 p.m. on the day the child(ren) is/are released from school until 6 p.m. on the day before the child(ren) is/are to return to school.

[] The day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth: : *(if applicable)*

_____ beginning_____.

Fall Vacation *(if applicable)*

Define:_____.

[] The day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth: : *(if applicable)*

_____ 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. Holiday weekends begin at 6 p.m. on the Friday before the holiday and end at 6 p.m. on the holiday. Holiday weekends supersede normal weekend parenting times but holidays are superseded by spring/summer vacation as may be applicable in a given year.

	Mother	Father
Martin Luther King holiday weekend	Even	Odd
President's Day	Odd	Even
Easter weekend	<i>Rotates on the same schedule as 'spring vacation.' Same parent who has the spring vacation period shall have Easter weekend.</i>	
Memorial Day holiday weekend	Even	Odd
Mother's Day weekend	EVERY	
Father's Day weekend		EVERY
4 th of July holiday (from 6 p. m. on July 3 and ending at 6 p.m. on July 5th. <u>Summer vacation supersedes.</u>)	Odd	Even
Labor Day holiday weekend	Even	Odd
Halloween evening	Odd	Even
Child's birthday	The parent shall celebrate the child's birthday on their respective parenting time weekend /weeknight nearest in time as they so elect.	
Father's/Mother's birthday(s)	The parent shall celebrate their own birthday with the child on their respective parenting time weekend/weeknight nearest in time as they so elect.	
Other holidays/religious days		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

E. Start and end dates for holiday visitation

For the purposes of this parenting plan, the holiday will start and end as follows: Holidays that fall on Friday include the following Saturday and Sunday. Holidays that fall on Monday include the preceding Saturday and Sunday.

[] Other: _____

F. Coordination of Parenting Schedules *Check as applicable, if any:* The holiday parenting time/visitation schedule takes precedence over the regular parenting time/visitation schedule unless otherwise indicated below.

The spring/summer parenting time/visitation schedule takes precedence over the regular parenting time/visitation and holiday parenting time/visitation schedule unless otherwise indicated below.

For Plans Including Extended Summer Parenting Time

[] When the child(ren) is/are with a parent for an extended parenting time/visitation period (such as more than customary vacation time during the summer), the other parent shall be entitled to visit with the child(ren) during this extended period, which is defined as a period of more than _____ weeks (normally a period equaling or exceeding 4 weeks). In such event, then as follows:

[] Weekend visitation on the same rotating schedule as this parent would typically have during the school year when the child(ren) reside with that parent.

[] Other: _____

G. Transportation of Children & Personal Effects

For visitation, the exchange of the child(ren) shall take place as follows: unless prior arrangements have been made and agreed to by both parents at the residence of

[] Mother [] Father;

[] Other _____

The Mother Father shall be responsible for transportation of the child(ren) for all visitation periods.

OR

The Mother Father will be responsible for transportation of the child at the beginning of visitation.

The Mother Father will be responsible for transportation of the child at the end of visitation.

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

Parent responsible for transportation of the child(ren) incurs the costs.

Other provisions: _____

Each parent shall take such reasonable and necessary steps to insure that the child(ren) is/are ready to be promptly transported at the designated time.

If a parent receiving the child(ren) is going to be more than thirty (30) minutes late, then such parent shall promptly give notice to the other parent. In the event that no notice is given, or that a parent fails to appear within (30) thirty minutes of the scheduled time/amended scheduled time, then the parent with the children may assume that parenting time will not occur and that parent may proceed with other plans and activities for the child(ren).

Each parent shall return all the child's clothes and personal effects delivered to them by the other parent when the child(ren) is/are exchanged for visitation purposes.

Each parent may designate, from time to time hereafter, a responsible adult to assist them in transporting the children.

Each parent acknowledges that as each child gets older each child will become more involved in school activities and other extra-curricular activities. In the event a child has any scheduled school or extra-curricular activities on a week- night or week-end when the non-custodial parent has parenting time the non- custodial parent shall use his/her best efforts to handle each child's transportation to and from these activities. The primary physical custodial parent furthermore shall use his/her best reasonable efforts to avoid scheduling such events on the time periods scheduled for the non-custodial parent, unless he/she has attempted to reasonably confer with the non-custodial parent. The non-custodial parent's consent to such activities shall not be unreasonably withheld.

H. Contacting the child

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

Reasonable telephone access. (multiple daily calls/texts are not intended)

Reasonable text message or email provided the child has proper access to receive such communication.

By cell phone provided to the child(ren) at the sole expense of the parent requesting to utilize this provision, the Mother Father.

Other: _____

The purpose of this section is to maintain reasonable contact with the child(ren) and shall not be used to harass, annoy, interfere or unreasonably pry into the personal life of the other parent. Each parent shall maintain a telephone/cell phone with its number furnished to the other parent.

Other Limitations on contact, if any: _____

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 cost & immediate payment: Mother Father Joint.

J. Communication & Notices Concerning Parenting Times *Check applicable. General*

Unless otherwise modified by a court order, 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 advance notice of prior to the anticipated change of residence and shall include the full address of the new residence, together with residence phone and cell phone, as well as current email address. (See also, O.C.G.A. 19-9-3(f).)

All communications between the parents shall be civil and cordial. Neither parent shall make communications which are belligerent, derogatory, harassing, demeaning or include profanity or name calling. Furthermore, neither parent shall disparage the other parent in the presence of the minor child(ren).

Neither parent shall place the child(ren) in the position of relaying messages or communications between the parents. The parents shall communicate between themselves and not through the child(ren). Both parents acknowledge and agree that having the child(ren) act as the messenger between them is unfairly and unnecessarily stressful to the child(ren).

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. No further communication is required.

Notices Concerning Exercising Parenting Times

Unless otherwise modified herein, it is presumed the non-custodial parent will exercise all available parenting times set forth in this Order. However, if the non-custodial parent is **NOT** going to exercise a specific parenting time, or **NOT** going to exercise parenting time for a specified period of time, then the non-custodial parent shall give notice to the primary custodial parent by phone, text message or email of his/her intent to **NOT** exercise parenting times as follows:

(check this box if the non-custodial parent shall give notice of intent to exercise parenting time: Under this alternate provision, if the non-custodial parent **IS** going to exercise a specific parenting time, then the non-custodial parent shall give notice to the primary custodial parent by phone, text message or email of his/her intent to exercise parenting times as follows:

Weekend & weekday B at least 72 hours advance notice;

Other holiday(s) dates, Thanksgiving, Winter & Spring vacation(s) - at least 7 days advance notice;

Summer vacation B at least 4 weeks notice;

No parenting time for a specified period, *i.e., weeks, months, etc.*, - immediate notice.

Other: *(if applicable)* _____

3. 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: (if any)

Other Information Sharing Provisions: (if any)

4. 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 and child support may ONLY be lawfully modified by court order. Should the parents disagree about this parenting plan or wish to modify it, they must make a reasonable good faith effort to resolve the issue between them.

5. If Additional Special Considerations &/Or Other Unique Provisions

Attach as Exhibit A, if there are any additional provisions concerning any special circumstances to be included in this order. (Such as, issues concerning health or chronic illness, education, medically restricted diet, etc.)

6. **Parent's Consent** (check, if applicable)

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.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

ORDER

The Court has reviewed the foregoing Parenting Plan, including any additional exhibits attached and incorporated by reference herein, and it is hereby made the order of this Court. Each party is ORDERED and directed to comply with the terms and provisions set forth herein.

HEREIN FAIL NOT.

SO ORDERED, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

JUDGE, ROCKDALE SUPERIOR COURT

Mother's Initials

Father's Initials

Exhibit A- Special Considerations &/Or Other Unique Provisions
