

PARENTING PLAN

1. Parents. This Parenting Plan is for the children of:

Parent: _____

_____, _____

Parent: _____

_____, _____

2. Children. The minor children of this marriage (or relationship) are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Child Custody and Visitation.

A. **Legal Custody.** Legal custody for the purpose of this agreement refers to the authority to make major decisions regarding minor children of the marriage, which can include but is not limited to health care, religion, and education. _____

B. **Physical Custody.** Physical custody for the purpose of this agreement refers to the authority to make routine and day-to-day decisions regarding the children and where the children's primary residence will be.

C. **Parenting Time/Visitation.** The non-custodial parent will have visitation with the children as follows:

i. _____

D. **Holiday/Extended Visitation.** The parents agree to divide holiday visitation as follows:

i. _____ will have the minor children for the

following holidays during even numbered years with the parents alternating these holidays every other year.

- New Year's Eve
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents Day
- Easter Weekend
- Father's Day
- Independence Day
- Columbus Day
- Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- Hanukkah
- Christmas Eve

ii. _____ will have the minor children for the following holidays during odd numbered years with the parents alternating these holidays every other year.

- New Year's Day
- Spring Break Week
- Mother's Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Winter Holiday Break
- Christmas Day

iii. The parties also agree to divide the following additional holidays as follows:

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iv. **Federal Holidays.** The parties also agree to divide the following additional holidays as follows:

If the non-custodial parent has the workday off on a federal holiday not mentioned above, then the non-custodial parent shall have the option to have visitation on those federal holidays where he or she has time off work.

- v. **Birthdays.** Each parent will be entitled to visitation with the minor children every year on his or her birthday.
- vi. **Summer Vacation.** _____
- vii. **Extended Visitation.** The non-custodial parent will have 0 weeks of extended visitation each year. The non-custodial parent must notify the custodial parent by the _____ of _____ each year of the weeks chosen for extended visitation.

Holiday, summer and extended visitation defined herein have precedence over regular parenting time/visitation. Any missed visitation due to holiday or extended visitation will not be made up at a later date. The parents will use thoughtful consideration when exercising and scheduling visitation so that the children's education is not interfered with or hampered in any way.

- 4. Transportation. _____
- 5. Exchange Point. The exchange point for the children shall be _____.
- 6. Notification. The parents agree that neither party will change the residence of the minor children of the parties without adequate prior written notification. The parties further agree that this visitation and custody agreement will be reassessed if either party relocates and the new residence makes the current agreement unfeasible to manage. The parties agree to provide one another with their current phone number and physical address.
- 7. Childcare.
- 8. Private Education Expenses. The parties agree the costs of the children attending _____ at an annual cost of \$0.00.
- 9. Health Insurance. _____
- 10. Non-Covered Medical. The parties agree that each party shall be responsible for 50% of any non-covered or co-pay expenses related to medical, dental, optometric, orthodontic, physical therapy, psychiatric or pharmaceutical needs of the minor children. A parent shall provide the other with a statement and receipts documenting any payments made and the other parent shall reimburse the paying parent within 30 days of receipt of this statement.
- 11. Taxes Related to Children. _____
- 12. Child Support. The parties have agreed to child support in the amount of \$0.00 per month

which is based on _____. The parties acknowledge that the child support order, which would result from the application of the Child Support Guidelines, is different. The parties have agreed to a different support amount in lieu of the following additional factors: _____

Child support payments will commence the 1st day of the month following the entry of the decree. Child Support payment must be paid by the 1st day of the month directly to the custodial parent.

13. College. If the children will be sent to college, trade, or technical school or its equivalent,

14. Information Sharing. Unless there is a court order stating otherwise:

- A. Both parents are entitled to important information regarding the children including but not limited to, the children's current address and telephone number, education, medical, governmental agency, psychological and law enforcement records.
- B. Information about the children's progress in school and any school activity is equally available to both parents. Both parents are encouraged to consult with school staff concerning the children's welfare and education.
- C. Both parents will immediately notify each other regarding any emergency circumstances or substantial changes in the health of the children.
- D. Both parents will provide each other with contact numbers and addresses and will notify each other of any change in that information within 72 hours of such a change. If either parent takes the children from their usual place of residence, they will provide the other parent with an emergency contact phone number.

15. Parent-Child Communication. Both parents and children shall have the right to communicate by telephone, in writing or by e-mail during reasonable hours without interference or monitoring by the other parent.

16. Disputes. Whenever possible, when disputes arise between the parents, the parents shall discuss the issues and attempt to reach an agreement based on what is best for the children at that particular time. If the parents are unable to reach an agreement on an important issue about our children after having discussed it with each other, either parent may initiate dispute resolution by:

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Signatures

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.

Dated: _____
_____, Parent

_____, _____

STATE OF TEXAS, ss:
COUNTY OF _____, ss:

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____ day of _____,
_____ by _____.

Notary Public

Title (and Rank)

My commission expires _____

Dated: _____
_____, Parent

_____, _____

STATE OF TEXAS, ss:
COUNTY OF _____, ss:

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____ day of _____,
_____ by _____.

Notary Public

Title (and Rank)

My commission expires _____