

Parenting Plan (CHOOSE EITHER GENERAL OR DETAILED)

You are required to file a Parenting Plan with your divorce decree. If you have questions regarding the parenting plan you should consult with an attorney or mediator. Sketch out the details of your parenting plan and include it when returning your questionnaire.

A parenting plan can be either General or Detailed.

General Parenting Plan

A general parenting plan may include a general outline of how parental responsibilities and parenting time will be shared and may allow the parents to develop a more detailed agreement on an informal basis. However a general parenting plan must set forth the minimum amount of parenting time and access a non-custodial parent is entitled to have. If you chose a General Plan list it here. Our general parenting plan is as follows:

Detailed Parenting Plan

A detailed parenting plan may include but need not be limited to, provisions relating to: residential schedule; holiday, birthday and vacation planning; weekends, including holidays and school in-service days preceding or following weekends; decision-making and responsibility; information sharing and access; relocation of parents; telephone access; transportation; and methods for resolving disputes.

Our detailed Parenting Plan is as follows:

Weekdays:

The children will be in the care of father on the following dates and times:

The children will be in the care of mother on the following dates and times: _____

Weekends:

The children will be in the care of father on the following dates and times: _____

The children will be in the care of mother on the following dates and times: _____

Summer Schedule: (choose one)

- _____ 1. The children's schedule will remain the same in summer.
- _____ 2. The schedule will be different in summer.
 - a. The children will be in the care of father on the following dates and times in summer: _____
 - _____
 - b. The children will be in the care of mother on the following dates and times in summer: _____
 - _____

Holidays: (check one or both)

_____ When we are using an alternating weekend plan and the holiday schedule results in one parent having the children 3 weeks in a row, the alternating weekend pattern will restart so that neither parent goes without having the children for more than 2 weeks in a row.

_____ If a parent has the children on a weekend which is followed by a holiday or a day when school is not in session, that parent will also have the child for that day. (Except for holidays listed below.)

<u>Holidays</u>	<u>Even Years</u>	<u>Odd Years</u>	<u>Every Year</u>	<u>Beginning /ending</u>
Mothers Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fathers Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Thanksgiving*	_____	_____	_____	_____
Christmas Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Christmas Eve	_____	_____	_____	_____
New Years Eve	_____	_____	_____	_____
New Years Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
MLK Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Presidents Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Easter	_____	_____	_____	_____
Memorial Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
July 4 th	_____	_____	_____	_____
Labor Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Veteran's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____	_____
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*List details for sharing the children on Thanksgiving, if this applies to your situation:

Winter Break (choose one)

- _____ 1. The children's schedule will remain the same for winter break. OR
- _____ 2. The children will spend half of the winter break with each parent. OR
- _____ 3. The schedule for winter break will be as follows:
 - a. The children will be in the care of father on the following dates and times:

b. The children will be in the care of mother on the following dates and times:

Spring Break: (choose one)

- _____ 1. The children's schedule will remain the same for spring break. OR
_____ 2. The children will alternate spring break with each parent. In even years the children will be with _____ and in odd years the children will be with _____ OR
_____ 3. The children will spend half of the spring break with each parent. List details:
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Children's birthdays: (choose one)

- _____ 1. The children's schedule will remain the same for their birthdays.
_____ 2. The children's birthdays will be planned so that each parent participates in the celebration.
_____ 3. The children's birthdays will be according to the following plan: _____
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Other Holidays and Vacations: (Give details)

Primary Residence of Children (choose one)

1. _____ The children will primarily reside with _____
2. _____ Neither parent's home will be considered the "primary residence"

Alternate Care (Optional)

1. _____ We choose not to specify arrangements for alternate care.
2. _____ Our arrangements for alternate care are as follows: _____
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Temporary Changes: (choose one)

1. We agree temporary changes to this plan can be made between us
_____ verbally or must be _____ in writing.

Missed Parenting Time: (choose one)

1. If a parent must postpone parenting time due to a medical issue, the time will be rescheduled. If parenting time is missed for any other reason there will be no makeup unless agreed otherwise _____ verbally or must be _____ in writing.

Major Decisions (such as education, religion, non-emergency health care, etc.

(Choose one)

1. _____ Both parents will share the responsibility of making major decisions. This is known by the courts as joint custody.

2. _____ (name of parent) will have sole decision making authority for the children. This is known by the courts as sole custody.

- a. _____ this parent must consult with the other before making a major decision.
 - b. _____ this parent will have the *option* of consulting with the other parent regarding major decisions.
 - c. _____ other (describe) _____
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Relocation of Parent

If one parent move more than 60 miles away from the other, they must provide notice to the other parent and at least _____ day's written notice to the court (unless the court ordered otherwise.)

Parent/Child Communication (choose one)

- 1. _____ Both parents have the right to communicate with the children during reasonable hours by phone, writing or email, without interference or monitoring by the other parent.
 - 2. _____ Procedures for telephone, written or email access to the children will be as follows: _____
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Transportation to exchange children (choose one)

- 1. _____ We will equally share in this responsibility so long as we live in the same locale.
 - 2. _____ Procedures for exchanging the children are as follows: _____
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Dispute Resolution (choose one)

- 1. _____ If disputes arise over this plan and we can't resolve them we will resolve the dispute as follows, with court action as a last resort.
 - a. _____ mediation
 - b. _____ other
 - c. _____ OR
- 2. _____ Mediation of other dispute resolution method will not be required before filing a court action.

Other Terms: List other issues that you want included in this plan:
