

Rule 24.10. Parenting Plans

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:

[FORM FOLLOWS]

_____ 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.

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:

	MOTHER	FATHER
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)

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: _____

Other Information Sharing Provisions:

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.)

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.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

ORDER

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

This Order entered on _____, 20 _____.

JUDGE

COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT