

**PARENT LIVING OUT OF TOWN  
GRADE SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS  
STATE OF MISSOURI

In Re The Marriage Of:

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	Petitioner,	)	Cause #
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V.		)	
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	,	)	Division 32
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	Respondent.	)	

**PARENTING PLAN**

**PHYSICAL CUSTODY AND VISITATION  
(Father as Residential Parent)**

1. Physical Custody and Visitation: CUSTODY, VISITATION AND RESIDENTIAL TIME FOR THE MINOR CHILDREN WITH EACH PARENT SHALL BE AT SUCH TIMES AS THE PARTIES SHALL AGREE. In the event that the parties cannot agree, Mother shall have custody, visitation or residential time as set forth below in sub-paragraphs "A", "B", and "C", Father having all other times as his custody, visitation or residential time. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ shall not reside in any home in which the children are present. If Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ does reside with Mother, that shall be considered grounds for modification. The parents agree to not use any form of corporal punishment on the children and will not allow their spouses or any extended family member to use corporal punishment on the children.
  - A. Weekends and Weekdays: During the school year, Father may have custody of the minor children the second full weekend of every month from Friday after school through Sunday evening. However, if Father has a holiday weekend outlined in subparagraph C, which shall substitute for the second weekend.
  - B. Summer: All exchanges shall be on Saturdays at noon. Beginning with the first Saturday that school is finished for the summer, custody shall rotate as follows: Father shall have custody of the children for 21 days, followed by Mother having custody of the children for 7 days. This schedule shall continue through the Saturday prior to school resuming.
  - C. Holidays and Special Days:

1. Holidays and special days herein shall prevail over weekend, weekday and summer vacation set forth above in sub-paragraphs “A”, and “B” above.
2. Father shall have custody with the children every Memorial Day Weekend from Friday at 5:00 p.m. through Monday at 5:00 p.m., every Father’s Day weekend from Friday at 5:00 p.m. through Sunday at 5:00 p.m. the children’s spring break from school, beginning with the first day school is out at 5:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. the day prior to school resuming, and if there is no spring break, then from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday prior to Easter through Easter Monday at 5:00 p.m., President’s Day weekend from Friday at 5:00 p.m. through Monday at 5:00 p.m., Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend from Friday at 5:00 p.m. through Monday at 5:00 p.m., Thanksgiving from Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. through Sunday at 5:00 p.m., plus “Holiday Group A” in even-numbered years and “Holiday Group B” in odd-numbered years.
3. Mother shall have custody with the children every Labor Day weekend from Friday after school through Monday evening, plus “Holiday Group A” in odd-numbered years and “Holiday Group B” in even-numbered years.

Holiday Group A

- 1) CHRISTMAS vacation from 5:00 p.m. the day the children’s school ends for Christmas break through December 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Group B

- 1) CHRISTMAS vacation from December 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. the day prior to school resuming.
- 2) EASTER weekend, if not taken by Father as outlined above, from Friday at 5:00 p.m. through Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

2. Notice If Unavailable To Exercise Custody Or Visitation: In the event either parent cannot exercise the scheduled custody or visitation period, he or she shall so advise the other parent as early as possible, but not later than 24 hours before the start of the custody or visitation period. If a parent anticipates that he or she may have to cancel at the last minute, they shall advise the other party of the possible last minute conflict at least 24 hours prior to the start of the period.
3. Changes To Schedule and Cooperation by Parents: Recognizing the needs of the children for a continuing relationship with both parents, each parent shall exercise his or her best efforts to foster the respect, love and affections of the children toward the other parent and shall refrain from demeaning the other parent in front of the children. The parents will encourage their spouses and extended family to do the same. Both parents shall attempt to accommodate the social, religious and academic commitments of the children and shall cooperate to ensure that the children shall have contact with each parent. Each parent shall consider reasonable changes to the schedule when requested by a party. If a significant change in the schedule is made, either parent may reduce their agreement to writing in order

to confirm and document the agreement. There shall be no restrictions or limitations on the children's reasonable access to either parent.

4. Transportation: The parents shall exchange the child at \_\_\_\_\_ located in St. Louis, if father resides in Charleston, Mo. If Father resides out of state, Father shall make arrangements for the children's transportation, whether it be flying from St. Louis to his home or driving. Mother shall take the children to the airport if Father has them fly to his home. Mother shall take the children to St. Louis if Father drives them to his home. When Daughter reaches the age of 8, all the children may fly as unaccompanied minors on a direct flight from St. Louis to Father's home. Father will make the airline reservation for the children. Once the reservations have been made, Father shall send written notice to Mother of the airline, flight number, time of departure and time of arrival. Mother or her designee shall be responsible for the children getting to and from the airplane in St. Louis. Once the children arrive at their destination (either Mother's or Father's home), the parent receiving the children shall promptly telephone the other parent to let her or him know of their safe arrival. Father shall be responsible for the costs of the airline tickets.
5. Telephone Access: Each parent shall inform the other of his or her residence address and telephone number, the address and telephone number of his or her place of employment and in the event of extended out-of-town travel, the location and telephone number of her or his destination. The duty to update this information is a continuing obligation and shall be done with a reasonable time after any change. Each party shall have reasonable telephone access with the children during normal waking hours during any period in which the children are with the other parent. The children shall be allowed to speak privately with each parent, for at least 10 minutes daily. If a parent travels outside their home area with the children, he or she shall provide the other parent with the itinerary and telephone numbers where the children may be reached.

#### LEGAL CUSTODY

6. Legal Custody: The parents shall have joint custody of the children. They shall agree upon mutual decisions on major issues, including but not limited to, choice of religious upbringing, choice of child care provider, choice of school, course of study, special tutoring, extracurricular activities, including but not limited to, music, art, dance and other cultural lessons or activities and gymnastics or other athletic activities, choice of camp or other comparable summer activity, non-emergency medical and dental treatment, psychological, psychiatric or like treatment or counseling, the choice of particular health care providers, the extent of any travel away from home, part of full-time employment, purchase or operation of a motor vehicle, contraception and sex education, and decisions relating to actual or potential litigation on behalf of the children. However each parent may make decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of the children and in emergencies affecting the health and safety of the children while the children are residing with her or him. The parents shall endeavor, whenever reasonable, to be consistent in such day-to-day decisions. Mother shall be the residential parent for educational purposes.

7. Communication and School: Each parent shall take steps to obtain copies of all communications or information received from a child's school. Each parent shall notify the other of any activity such as school conferences, programs, sporting and other special events, etc., where parents are invited to attend and each shall encourage and welcome the presence of the other. Each year Mother shall provide a school calendar to Father as soon as she receives one and shall give Father written notice of the names of the children's teachers.
8. Children Not Involved In Court Or Financial Communications: The parties shall not take about adult issues, parenting matters, financial issues, and other court-related topics, when the children are present. Such discussions shall not be had during custody exchanges of the children or during telephone visits. The children shall not be used to carry such message or written communication or payments between the parents. If the parents are not able to verbally communicate with each other in a civil manner, the parents shall institute communication through e-mail, if available to both parents. Each parent agrees to respond to e-mail within 48 hours of receiving such correspondence.
9. Medical Care: Each parent shall have the authority to seek any emergency medical treatment for the children when in his or her custody. Each shall advise the other of any medical emergency or serious illness or injury suffered by the minor children as soon as possible after learning of the same, and shall give the other parent details of the emergency, injury or illness and the name and telephone numbers of all treating doctors. Each parent shall inform the other of the child's health care providers, including names, addresses and telephone numbers. Each party shall direct all doctors involved in the care and treatment of the minor children to give the other parent all information regarding any injury or illness and the medical treatment or examination, if requested. For purposes of this paragraph, a serious injury or illness is one, which requires a child (1) to be confined to home for more than 48 hours, or (2) to be admitted to, or treated at, a hospital or surgical facility, or (3) to receive any type of general anesthesia or invasive surgical procedure or test. .
10. Access To Records: Each parent shall be entitled to immediate access from the other or from a third party to records and information pertaining to the children, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, health, psychological, psychiatric, child care, school or education records. Each shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the other parent has such access.
11. Resolution of Disputes: If the parties fail to agree on the interpretation of the Parenting Plan or are unable to reach mutual decisions, they shall submit the dispute to a mutually agreed upon arbitrator and shall make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute through mediation process. In the event they are not able to agree on an arbitrator, they agree that \_\_\_\_\_, whose current telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_, shall serve as arbitrator. In the event that the parties cannot resolve the dispute by arbitration, they may file a motion and submit the issue to the Court.

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Respondent

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Attorney for Petitioner

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