

MODEL PARENTING PLAN LONG COURT

Cover Sheet

ALABAMA MODEL PARENTING PLAN LONG COURT FORM

This form is submitted to the court for consideration as: **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE)**

An agreement of both parties.

OR

By only one party, (Insert party's name): _____.

OR

The court.

This form is submitted to the court for consideration as: **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE)**

A temporary Parenting Plan Form established by the court.

OR

A final Parenting Plan Form established by the court.

OR

A modification of a prior final Parenting Plan Form or prior final order.

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I. CASE NUMBER AND EACH PARTY'S NAME.

CASE
NUMBER _____

Plaintiff's Name:

"hereinafter referred to as _____"

Defendant's Name:

"hereinafter referred to as _____"

II. **CHILD(REN)'S INFORMATION.**

This parenting plan form is for the following child(ren) born to, or adopted by the parties:
(add additional lines as needed)

Name

Date of Birth

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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III. CUSTODY ARRANGEMENT.

A. **Physical Custody: (CHOOSE ONLY ONE)**. Parenting Time Shall be addressed in Section IV.

1. **JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY.**

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the Plaintiff and Defendant have joint physical custody.

OR

2. **SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY WITH VISITATION:**

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the Plaintiff Defendant shall have **SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY** and the Plaintiff Defendant shall have **VISITATION.**

OR

3. **SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY WITH NO VISITATION:**

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the Plaintiff Defendant shall have the **SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY** and that the Plaintiff Defendant shall have **NO VISITATION.**

B. **Legal Custody: (CHOOSE ONLY ONE)**.

1. **JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY.**

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the Plaintiff and Defendant have **JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY.**

OR

2. **JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY** [with one party having sole authority to make certain decisions]:

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the parties have **JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY.** Both parties shall have equal rights and responsibilities for major decisions concerning the child, including, but not limited to, the education of the child, health care, and

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religious training. In the event the parties are unable to agree, the authority for making major decisions regarding the child(ren) shall be as follows:

Education/Academic Decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Defendant
Civic/Cultural Decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Defendant
Athletic/Other Activities Decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Defendant
Medical and Dental Healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Defendant
Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Defendant
Other (describe below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Defendant

OR

3. **SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY:**

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the Plaintiff Defendant have **SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY**.

C. **Day-to-Day and Emergency Decisions.**

Unless otherwise specified in this plan, each party shall make decisions regarding day-to-day care and control of each child while the child is with that party. Regardless of the allocation of decision-making in the parenting plan form, either party may make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child(ren) when the child is with that party. A party who makes an emergency decision shall notify the other party of the decision as soon as reasonably possible.

IV. **TIME-SHARING SCHEDULES.**

A. **General Time-Sharing Schedule: ATTACH AT THE END OF THIS FORM THE SELECTED GENERAL TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE AS APPENDIX A.**

The **General Time-Sharing Schedule** [APPENDIX A] shall apply except as modified by the **Holiday and Summer Time-Sharing Schedule**.

B. **Holiday and Summer Time-Sharing Schedule:**

The **Holiday and Summer Time-Sharing Schedule** will take priority over the **General Time-Sharing Schedule** unless otherwise specified in subsection (1) – (5) below.

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1. Summer Break **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (a) OR (b) OR (c) OR (d) BELOW).**

Summer Break is defined as starting on _____ [time] on _____ [the first Sunday] after the last day of school and ending at _____ [time] on _____ [the last Sunday] before the first day of school of the next school term.

a. The parties shall follow the **General Time-Sharing Schedule** throughout the summer.

OR

b. **Divided Break.**

Plaintiff will get the child[ren] during _____

_____.

Defendant will get the child[ren] during _____

_____.

OR

c. **Week-to-Week Break [ADD language about Week-to-Week] Susan?**

OR

d. **Entire Break.**

The Plaintiff Defendant shall have physical custody of the child(ren) for the entire Summer Break as defined in this subsection.

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2. Spring Break **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (a) OR (b) OR (c) BELOW).**

Spring Break is defined as starting at _____ [time] on _____ last day of school before the beginning of spring break and ending at _____ [time] on the day before school resumes after spring break.

- a. The parties shall follow the **General Time-Sharing Schedule**.

OR

- b. **Divided Break.**

Spring Break will be evenly divided. During the first half of Spring Break, the child(ren) will be with the party whose General Time-Sharing Schedule include that weekend. During the second half of Spring Break, the child(ren) will be with the other parent.

OR

- c. **Entire Break. (CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW).**

1. The parties shall alternate the entire Break with the Plaintiff having the child(ren) during the odd-numbered years even numbered years. The other party will have the child(ren) during the Break during the alternating years.

OR

2. The Plaintiff Defendant shall have physical custody of the child(ren) for the entire Break every year.

3. Fall Break **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (a) OR (b) OR (c) BELOW).**

FALL BREAK is defined as from the day and time that school is dismissed and ending at _____ [time] on the day before school resumes.

- a. The parties shall follow the **General Time-Sharing Schedule**.

OR

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b. Divided Break.

The Plaintiff Defendant shall have the child(ren) for the first half of the Break from the day and time school is dismissed until _____ [time] on the day before school resumes in: **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW)**

1. odd-numbered years. The other party shall have the remainder of the Break. In even-numbered years the parties shall alternate with the other party having the first half of the Break and the party that did not have the first half of the Break having the remainder.

OR

2. every year. The other party shall have the remainder of the Break every year.

OR

c. Entire Break. **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW).**

1. The parties shall alternate the entire Break with the Plaintiff having the child(ren) during the odd-numbered years even numbered years. The other party will have the child(ren) during the Break during the alternating years.

OR

2. The Plaintiff Defendant shall have physical custody of the child(ren) for the entire Break every year.

4. Thanksgiving Holiday Break **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (a) OR (b) OR (c) BELOW).**

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY is defined as from the day and time that school is dismissed and ending at _____ [time] on the day before school resumes.

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a. The parties shall follow the **General Time-Sharing Schedule**.

OR

b. **Divided Break**.

The Plaintiff Defendant shall have the child(ren) for the first half of the Break from the day and time school is dismissed until _____ [time] on Thanksgiving Day **in: (CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW)**

1. odd-numbered years. The other party shall have the remainder of the Break. In even-numbered years the parties shall alternate with the other party having the first half of the Break and the party that did not have the first half of the Break having the remainder.

OR

2. every year. The other party shall have the remainder of the Break every year.

OR

c. **Entire Break. (CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW).**

1. The parties shall alternate the entire Break with the Plaintiff having the child(ren) during the odd-numbered years even numbered years. The other party will have the child(ren) during the Break during the alternating years.

OR

2. The Plaintiff Defendant shall have physical custody of the child(ren) for the entire Break every year.

5. Christmas Holiday Break/ Winter Break (CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (a) OR (b) OR (c) BELOW).

Christmas Holiday/Winter Break is defined as from the day and time that school is

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dismissed and ending at _____ [time] on the day before school resumes.

- a. The parties shall follow the **General Time-Sharing Schedule**.

OR

- b. **Divided Break.**

The Plaintiff Defendant shall have the child(ren) for the first half of the Break from the day and time school is dismissed until _____ [time] on Christmas Day in: **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW)**

1. odd-numbered years. The other party shall have the remainder of the Break. In even-numbered years the parties shall alternate with the other party having the first half of the Break and the party that did not have the first half of the Break having the remainder.

OR

2. every year. The other party shall have the remainder of the Break every year.

OR

- c. **Entire Break.** **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW).**

1. The parties shall alternate the entire Break with the Plaintiff having the child(ren) during the odd-numbered years even numbered years. The other party will have the child(ren) during the Break during the alternating years.

OR

2. The Plaintiff Defendant shall have physical custody of the child(ren) for the entire Break every year.

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6. Other School Breaks

The **Break** is defined as from the day and time that school is dismissed and ending at _____ [time] on the day before school resumes.

- a. The parties shall follow the **General Time-Sharing Schedule**.

OR

- b. **Divided Break**.

The Break will be evenly divided. During the first half of the Break, the child(ren) will be with the party arent whose General Time-Sharing Schedule include that weekend. During the second half of the Break, the child(ren) with be with the other party.

OR

- c. **Entire Break. (CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (1) OR (2) BELOW).**

1. The parties shall alternate the entire Break with the Plaintiff having the child(ren) during the odd-numbered years even numbered years. The other party will have the child(ren) during the Break during the alternating years.

OR

2. The Plaintiff Defendant shall have physical custody of the child(ren) for the entire Break every year.

7. Additional Holiday Time-Sharing Schedule **(CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM EITHER (a) OR (b) BELOW).**

- a. No **Additional Holiday Time-Sharing Schedule** shall apply.

OR

- b. **Additional Holiday Time-Sharing Schedule** as follows:

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The Plaintiff Defendant shall have the child(ren) on Father's Day beginning at _____ [time] on _____ [date] and ending at _____ [time].

The Plaintiff Defendant shall have the child(ren) on Mother's Day beginning at _____ [time] on _____ [date] and ending at _____ [time].

OR

c. Other:

8. Child(ren)'s birthday.

Each party is entitled to spend time with the child(ren) on the child(ren)'s birthday.

9. Other.

V. ADDITIONAL VISITATION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

Both parties are encouraged to allow additional visitations with the child(ren) at any reasonable time and place, upon sufficient notice, by mutual agreement.

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VI. INFORMATION SHARING.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law or order of the court:

1. Both parties shall be listed as "emergency contacts" for the child(ren).
2. Each party has a continuing responsibility to provide a residential, mailing, and contact address and contact telephone number to the other party. Each party shall notify the other party in writing within 24 hours of any changes to that information.
3. Other: _____

VII. COMMUNICATION.

A. Between parties

The parties shall communicate with each other: **(CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY)**

in person

by telephone

by letter

by e-mail

text

internet

Other: _____.

B. Between Parties and Child(ren)

Except as limited by statute or court order, both parties shall keep the child(ren)'s contact information current and shall have reasonable and private electronic communication access to the minor child(ren) while they are in the physical custody of the other parent.

"Electronic communication" includes, but is not limited to, via telephone, electronic mail or e-mail, texting, webcam, video-calling, or other wired or wireless technologies, or other means of communication to supplement face-to-face contact.

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3. Other:

B. Location for Exchange (CHOOSE ONLY ONE):

1. Exchanges shall be at the Plaintiff's and/or Defendant's homes unless both parties agree to a different meeting place.

OR

2. Exchanges shall occur at

_____ unless
both parties agree in advance to a different meeting place.

OR

3.

Other: _____

C. Cancellations (CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY):

If a child(ren) is too ill to travel, the custodial party should give twenty-four hour notice to the other parent, or as soon as possible, so appropriate plans can be made. This canceled time shall shall not be made up.

For reasons other than the child(ren)'s illness, the non-custodial party should give twenty-four hour notice prior to canceling parenting time. If the twenty-four-hour notice of the cancellation is NOT given by the non-custodial party to the custodial parent, that parenting time will be forfeited unless the parties both agree to reschedule the time.

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The non-custodial party who fails to exercise his or her shared parenting time forfeits that parenting time.

Other:

D. Waiting (CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY):

The child and the custodial party are not required to wait for the non-custodial party for more than [thirty] minutes after the designated exchange time. If the non-custodial party is more than [thirty] minutes late for the exchange, he/she may seek an alternative agreement with the other party to pick up and return the child.

A party who is more than [thirty] minutes late forfeits their visitation time for that period.

Other: _____

IX. JURISDICTION.

The United States is the country of habitual residence of the child(ren).

The State of Alabama is the child(ren)'s home state for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

This Parenting Plan Court Form is a child custody determination for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 11601 et seq., the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, and the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child

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Abduction enacted at the Hague on October 25, 1980, and for all other state and federal laws.

NOTE: Any required Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act [UCCJEA] Forms shall be submitted to the court.

X. RELOCATION.

Any relocation of the child(ren) is subject to and must be sought in compliance with existing Alabama law. [Alabama Parent-Child Relationship Protection Act, §30-3-160 et seq.]

Alabama Parent-Child Relationship Protection Act

Alabama law requires each party in this action who has either custody of or the right of visitation with a child to notify other parties who have custody of or the right of visitation with the child of any change in his or her address or telephone number, or both, and of any change or proposed change of principal residence and telephone number or numbers of a child. This is a continuing duty and remains in effect as to each child subject to the custody or visitation provisions of this decree until such child reaches the age of majority or becomes emancipated and for so long as you are entitled to custody of or visitation with a child covered by this order. If there is to be a change of principal residence by you or by a child subject to the custody or visitation provisions of this order, you must provide the following information to each other person who has custody or visitation rights under this decree as follows:

- A. The intended new residence, including the specific street address, if known.
- B. The mailing address, if not the same as the street address.
- C. The telephone number or numbers at such residence, if known.
- D. If applicable, the name, address, and telephone number of the school to be attended by the child, if known.
- E. The date of the intended change of principal residence of a child.
- F. A statement of the specific reasons for the proposed change of principal residence of a child, if applicable.
- G. A proposal for a revised schedule of custody of or visitation with a child, if any.
- H. Unless you are a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and are being transferred or relocated pursuant to a non-voluntary order of the

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government, a warning to the non-relocating person that an objection to the relocation must be made within 30 days of receipt of the notice or the relocation will be permitted.

You must give notice by certified mail of the proposed change of principal residence on or before the 45th day before a proposed change of principal residence. If you do not know and cannot reasonably become aware of such information in sufficient time to provide a 45-day notice, you must give such notice by certified mail not later than the 10th day after the date that you obtain such information.

Your failure to notify other parties entitled to notice of your intent to change the principal residence of a child may be taken into account in a modification of the custody of or visitation with the child.

If you, as the non-relocating party, do not commence an action seeking a temporary or permanent order to prevent the change of principal residence of a child within 30 days after receipt of notice of the intent to change the principal residence of the child, the change of principal residence is authorized.

XI. CHILD SUPPORT.

Child support shall be governed by Rule 32 of the Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration.

[NOTE: Child Support Forms required under Rule 32 of the Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration must be submitted to the court.]

XII. OTHER PROVISIONS.

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SIGNATURE OF PARTIES

Dated: _____

Signature of Plaintiff

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on the ___ day of _____,
20___ by _____, who is known to me or was
properly identified by me.

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

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Dated: _____

Signature of Defendant

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on the ___ day of _____,
20___ by _____, who is known to me or was
properly identified by me.

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EXAMPLE APPENDIX A

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Insert Here the Selected General Time-Sharing Schedule to Submit to the Court as Appendix A

EXAMPLE APPENDIX B

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PARENT'S ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THEIR CHILDREN As Authorized by Alabama Code §30-3-154

The undersigned, _____, and

_____ are the parents of the child(ren) listed below. In keeping with current Alabama law unless otherwise prohibited by court order or statute, both parents have equal access to all records and information pertaining to the child(ren), including, but not limited to, medical, physiological, psychological, dental, scholastic, athletic, extracurricular, and law enforcement records. We agree, as parents of the child(ren) listed below, that each of us is entitled to have access to review any records of our child(ren), including access to passcodes, that are not otherwise protected from view by either or both of us by federal or state law, and we do hereby give our mutual consent and express permission to the holders or providers of such records to allow each of us full and equal access to the records pertaining to our child(ren) including the right to consult with the record holders.

CHILDREN:

_____	DATE OF BIRTH: _____
_____	DATE OF BIRTH: _____
_____	DATE OF BIRTH: _____
_____	DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENTS:

_____	_____
_____	_____

TYPED NAME

TYPED NAME

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

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SIGNATURE OF PARTIES

Dated: _____

Signature of Plaintiff

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on the ___ day of _____,
20___ by _____, who is known to me or was
properly identified by me.

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Dated: _____

Signature of Defendant

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF _____

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