

## Custody Agreement

We, \_\_\_\_\_, (mother), and \_\_\_\_\_, (father), as fit and loving parents have reached agreement on a parenting plan for our daughter/son/child(ren), born \_\_\_\_\_.

We have developed this parenting agreement with the assistance of a mediator, in good faith and on behalf of the best interests of our child(ren).

### Custody

We agree that \_\_\_\_\_, (mother) shall be the primary residential parent for our daughter/son/child(ren). We agree to joint legal custody of \_\_\_\_\_. All major decisions affecting her/his/their growth, health, education, welfare, and development shall be made jointly by us. If emergency medical treatment shall be required, the parent having care of the child(ren) at the time may arrange for treatment but shall notify the other parent as soon as possible.

We agree to consult with one another on all important school issues and events such as parent-teacher conferences and to jointly decide on changes of school curriculum, enrollment in extracurricular activities and her attendance or participation in special school events.

### Visitation

We agree that during the school year, which shall run from early September to the middle of June, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ will visit her/his/their father every other week from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_. During the alternate weeks, in between, \_\_\_\_\_ will visit with her/his/their father from Friday afternoon (after school) through Sunday at 6:00 P.M.

Summer Vacation -(cite schedule)

Winter School Break- \_\_\_\_\_ - will share Christmas Day with both parents. The parent that has her/him/them on Christmas Eve will have her/him/them overnight through approximately noon on Christmas Day. In even numbered years, mother will have the child(ren) on Christmas Eve, and the father will have her/him/them in odd numbered years.

The remainder of \_\_\_\_\_'s Winter school break, including one weekend, will be spent with the father. Father agrees to take sufficient leave from his place of employment so that he and his child(ren) may spend the Winter school break together.

If the father cannot take leave, our regular weekday and weekend schedule will apply.

Spring School Break- In odd numbered years, we agree that \_\_\_\_\_ will spend the entire break including one weekend with father and that in even numbered years s/he/they will spend the break with her/his/their mother. If either parent plans to be out-of-area with the child(ren), that parent will have both weekends (surrounding Easter break) with them.

Thanksgiving Break- In odd numbered years, we agree that \_\_\_\_\_ will spend Thanksgiving Day, the following day and the weekend with mother, and in even numbered years, s/he/they will spend the four consecutive days with father.

Federal Holidays- Federal holidays that are celebrated on a Monday or a Friday shall be (negotiated by us on a case by basis) (added to our respective weekend visitation schedules).

Special Days-

- Mother's Day-child(ren) with mother
- Father's Day-child(ren) with father
- Mother's Birthday-child(ren) with mother
- Father's Birthday-child(ren) with father
- Child(ren)'s Birthday-we agree to share this day equally.

We agree to be flexible with our school year and summer visitation schedule and that changes/ revisions to the schedule will be by mutual consent and with a minimum of thirty (30) days advance notice. Regardless of which parent our child(ren) are scheduled to visit during her/his/their vacations, we agree to adjust our respective plans to accommodate any activities our child(ren) are involved in.

We agree to modify/rearrange our respective visitation schedules for visits by out-of-area relatives including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Parenting Decisions

Responsibility for day-to-day parenting decisions will rest with the parent with whom the child is then residing, including vacation and holiday parenting. Examples of parental day-to-day decisions include treatment of minor health problems and injuries, diet, television, house rules and discipline, bedtime, etc. Mother and Father will ensure that \_\_\_\_\_ school books, book bag, lunch and sports equipment will be given to her/him/them when she/he/they visit the other parent.

On all other significant matters involving the child(ren), we agree to consult with each other always taking account of the child(ren)'s best interests.

