

Exhibit A: Standard Possession and Access (Visitation) Order

The Court ORDERS that each conservator shall comply with all terms and conditions of this standard possession and access order.

The Court ORDERS that this standard possession (visitation) order is effective immediately and applies to all periods of possession occurring on and after the date the Court signs the order to which this exhibit is attached.

Designation of Conservators

The Court ORDERS that the conservators are designated in this exhibit as Home Parent and Co-parent.

The conservator known as the 'Home Parent' is: (name) _____

The conservator known as the 'Co-Parent' is: (name) _____

Mutual Agreement

The Court ORDERS that Home Parent and Co-Parent shall have possession of the child/ren at any and all times mutually agreed to in advance by Home Parent and Co-Parent.

In the absence of mutual agreement, the Court ORDERS that Home Parent and Co-Parent shall have possession of the child/ren as ordered below.

Undesignated Times

The Home Parent shall have the right to possession of the child/ren at all times not specifically ordered for Co-Parent.

Definitions

“**School**” means the primary or secondary school where a child is enrolled, or if the child is not enrolled in a primary or secondary school, the public school district where the child primarily resides.

“**Child**” includes each child, whether one or more, who is part of this case while that child is under the age of eighteen years and not otherwise emancipated.

A “**weekend**” begins on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday of each month at 6pm, and ends on the following Sunday at 6 pm, except when:

- The box “After school**” is checked, then during the regular school year, the weekend begins at the time the child/ren’s school is dismissed before the 1st, 3rd, or 5th weekend of each month.
- The box “Next school day***” is checked, then during the regular school year, the weekend ends at the time the child/ren’s school starts on the next school day after the 1st, 3rd, or 5th weekend of each month (if Co-Parent cannot return the children to school on time, s/he must notify the school and the other parent).
- The 1st, 3rd, or 5th weekend coincides with a student holiday or teacher’s in-service day or federal, state or local holiday that falls on a Monday, then the weekend begins on Friday, and ends on Monday; if the holiday falls on a Friday, then the weekend begins on Thursday, and ends on Sunday.
- If a weekend or midweek visit conflicts with the holiday or summer schedule, you must follow the holiday or summer schedule.

Schedules

1A. Co-Parent's Local Schedule When the Co-Parent lives within 100 miles of the primary residence of the child/ren, the Co-Parent shall have the right to possession of the child/ren as follows:		Co-parent's right to possession shall begin at:	Co-parent's right to possession shall end at:
Weekends*	On the 1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th weekend of each month. See definition above	<input type="checkbox"/> After school** <input type="checkbox"/> 6 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Next school day*** <input type="checkbox"/> 6 pm
Mid-Week Visit	On Thursday of each school week	<input type="checkbox"/> After school** <input type="checkbox"/> 6 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> School starts on Friday <input type="checkbox"/> 8 pm
Thanksgiving Odd-Numbered Years	Starts last day of school before Thanksgiving and ends on Sunday.	<input type="checkbox"/> After school** <input type="checkbox"/> 6 pm	6 pm
Christmas Break Even-Numbered Years	Starts the last day of school before Christmas Break and ends December 28 th .	<input type="checkbox"/> After school** <input type="checkbox"/> 6 pm	noon
Christmas Break Odd-Numbered Years	Starts on December 28 th and ends the day before school starts after Christmas Break.	noon	6 pm
Spring Break Even-Numbered Years	Starts the last day of school before Spring Break and ends the day before school starts after Spring Break.	<input type="checkbox"/> After school** <input type="checkbox"/> 6 pm	6 pm
Standard Summer	Starts on July 1 st and ends on July 31 st .	6 pm	6 pm
Different Summer Co-Parent must notify Home Parent of the dates, in writing, by April 1.	If Co-Parent gives Home Parent written notice by April 1 of each year, Co-Parent may choose a different 30-day summer schedule. The schedule must be: after school is dismissed for summer break, only 1 or 2 blocks of time, each at least 1 week long, and not during the last week of the summer break	6 pm	6 pm
1B. Home Parent's Local Schedule Notwithstanding the weekend and midweek periods of possession ordered for Co-Parent above, it is expressly ORDERED that Home parent shall have a superior right to possession of the children as follows:		Home-parent's right to possession shall begin at:	Home-parent's right to possession shall end at:
Thanksgiving Even-Numbered Years	Starts the last day of school before Thanksgiving and ends Sunday.	6 pm	6 pm
Christmas Break Odd-Numbered Years	Starts the last day of school before Christmas Break and ends December 28 th .	6 pm	noon
Christmas Break Even-Numbered Years	Starts on December 28 th and ends the day before school starts after Christmas Break.	noon	6 pm
Spring Break Odd-Numbered Years	Starts the last day of school before Spring Break and ends the day before school starts after Spring Break.	6 pm	6pm
Extended Summer Home Parent must notify Co-Parent of the dates, in writing, by April 15th	If the Home Parent gives the Co-parent written notice by April 15 of each year, the Home-parent may designate 21 days beginning not earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer. The dates must be exercised in not more than 2 separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days each. The dates must not be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> during the last week of the summer break during days when the Co-Parent has a scheduled summer, or Father's/Mother's Day visitation 	6 pm	6 pm
Summer Weekend During Co-Parent's Summer Visitation Home Parent must notify Co-Parent of the dates, in writing, by April 15th	If the Home Parent gives the Co-parent written notice by April 15 of each year, the Home-parent shall have possession of the child/ren on 1 weekend during the child/ren's summer break, when the Co-Parent would otherwise be entitled to weekend possession of the child/ren. The weekend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot interfere with the Co-Parent's Father's or Mother's Day weekend Cannot be the last weekend of summer 	6 pm	6 pm

2A. Co-Parent's Long Distance Schedule		Co-parent's right to possession shall begin at:	Co-parent's right to possession shall end at:
When Co-Parent lives more than 100 miles from the primary residence of the child/ren, the Co-Parent shall have the right to possession of the child/ren as follows:			
Weekends*	On the 1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th weekend of each month. A weekend starts Friday and ends Sunday. OR Alternate Weekend Possession** If Co-Parent gives Home Parent written notice within 90 days after residing more than 100 miles apart, Co-Parent shall have possession of the child/ren for any one weekend per month that the Co-Parent chooses. The Co-Parent must give the Home Parent at least 14 days notice (by phone or in writing), and the weekend cannot interfere with the holiday schedule.	6 pm	6 pm
Thanksgiving Odd-Numbered Years	Starts the last day of school before Thanksgiving and ends on Sunday.	6 pm	6 pm
Christmas Break Even-Numbered Years	Starts the last day of school before Christmas Break and ends December 28 th .	6 pm	noon
Christmas Break Odd-Numbered Years	Starts on December 28 th and ends the day before school starts after Christmas Break.	noon	6 pm
Spring Break (Every year)	Starts the last day of school before Spring Break and ends the day before school starts after Spring Break.	6 pm	6 pm
Standard Summer	Starts on June 15 th and ends on July 27 th	6 pm	6 pm
Different Summer <i>Co-Parent must notify Home Parent of the dates, in writing, by April 1.</i>	If Co-Parent gives Home Parent written notice by April 1 of each year, the Co-Parent may choose a different 42-day summer schedule, but it must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only 1 or 2 blocks of time, each at least 1 week long,• Not during the last week of the summer break	6 pm	6 pm
2B. Home Parent's Long Distance Schedule		Home Parent's Right to Possession shall begin at:	Home parent's right to Possession shall end at:
Notwithstanding the weekend periods of possession ORDERED for Co-parent above, it is expressly ORDERED that Home parent shall have a superior right to possession of the children as follows:			
Thanksgiving Even-numbered years	Starts last day of school before Thanksgiving and ends Sunday.	6 pm	6 pm
Christmas Break Odd-Numbered Years	Starts the last day of school before Christmas Break and ends December 28 th .	6 pm	noon
Christmas Break Even-Numbered Years	Starts on December 28 th and ends the day before school starts after Christmas Break.	Noon	6 pm
Extended Summer <i>Home Parent must notify Co-Parent of the dates, in writing, by April 15th, or give at least 14 days written notice of the dates, after April 15th.</i>	The Home Parent may choose 21 days during the summer when the child/ren will stay with the Home Parent. The Home Parent's schedule must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not during the last week of the summer break• Not during days when the Co-Parent has a scheduled summer, or Father's/Mother's Day visitation.• Only 1 or 2 blocks of time, each at least 1 week long	6 pm	6 pm
Summer Weekend During Co-Parent's Summer Visitation <i>Home Parent must notify Co-Parent of the dates, in writing, by April 15th</i>	If the Co-Parent's summer visitation is 31 days or more, the Home Parent may choose to have the children for two weekends during the Co-Parent's summer visitation (or one weekend if the Co-Parent's summer visitation is 30 days or less). The weekends: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannot be consecutive weekends during the Co-Parent's summer visitation schedule• Cannot interfere with the Co-Parent's Father's or Mother's Day weekend• Cannot be the last weekend of summer	6 pm	6 pm

3. Child's Birthday, Mother's Day and Father's Day

Home Parent and Co-Parent shall also have the right to possession of the child/ren as follows, notwithstanding the weekend and midweek periods of possession ordered for Co-parent and regardless of the distance between the residence of a parent and the child:

Child's Birthdays

The Parent who does not already have a scheduled visit on the child's birthday shall have the right to possession of the child on the child's birthday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., provided he or she picks up the child from the residence of the parent entitled to possession, and returns the child to the same place.

(Check here only if you want to include the child's minor siblings for this birthday visit.)

This visit shall include the child's minor siblings.

Father's Day

If a conservator, the Father shall have possession of the child/ren on Father's Day weekend, provided he picks up the child/ren from the residence of the parent entitled to possession, and returns the child/ren to the same place.

The weekend starts Friday before Father's Day at 6 p.m. and ends at:

6 p.m. Sunday or 8 a.m. on the Monday after Father's Day.

Mother's Day

If a conservator, the Mother shall have possession of the child/ren on Mother's Day weekend, provided she picks up the child/ren from the residence of the parent entitled to possession, and returns the child/ren to the same place.

The weekend starts Friday before Mother's Day at:

6 p.m. or at the time the child's school is regularly dismissed

and ends at:

6 p.m. Sunday or at the time the child's school resumes after Mother's Day

4. General terms and Conditions

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this standard Possession Order, the following terms and conditions apply regardless of the distance between the residence of a parent and the child:

Exchange of Children at Start of Co-parent's Possession

The Court ORDERS the Home Parent to surrender the child/ren to the Co-Parent at the beginning of each Co-parent's periods of possession at: *(Check one.)*

Home parent's residence.

The following location: _____

Unless a period of possession begins at the time the child/ren's school is regularly dismissed, then the Court ORDERS the Home parent to surrender the child to Co-parent at the beginning of each such period of possession at the school in which the child is enrolled.

If the child is not in school, Co-parent shall pick up the child at the location designated above and the Court ORDERS the Home parent to surrender the child to Co-parent at the location designated above.

If the children will not be in school, the Home-Parent shall immediately notify the Co-Parent.

Exchange of Children at End of Co-Parent's Possession

The Court ORDERS the Co-Parent to surrender the child/ren to the Home Parent at the end of Co-Parent's possession at: *(Check one.)*

Co-Parent's residence.

Home parent's residence.

The following location: _____

However, if the Home Parent and Co-Parent live in the same county when the order is signed and the Co-Parent remains in the county, but the Home Parent moves out of the county, then beginning on the date Home Parent moves, Co-Parent shall return the child/ren to the Home parent at: *(Check one.)*

- Co-Parent's residence.
- the location designated above.

If a period of possession ends at the time the child/ren's school resumes, the Court ORDERS the Co-Parent to surrender the child/ren to Home Parent at the end of each such period of possession at the school in which the child is enrolled or, if the child is not in school, at the residence of Home Parent.

If the child/ren will not be delivered to school on that day, Co-Parent shall immediately notify the school and Home Parent that the child/ren will not or has not been returned to school.

Child/ren's Personal Effects

The Court ORDERS each conservator to return with the child/ren the personal effects that the child brought at the beginning of the period of possession.

Designation of Competent Adult

Each conservator may designate any competent adult to pick up and return the child/ren, as applicable. The Court ORDERS that a conservator or designated competent adult be present when the child/ren is/are picked up or returned.

Notice if Unable to Exercise Possession

The Court ORDERS each conservator to give notice to the person in possession of the child on each occasion that the conservator will be unable to exercise that conservator's right of possession for any specified period.

Written Notice

Written notice, including notice by email or fax, shall be deemed to have been timely made if received or, if applicable, postmarked before or at the time that notice is due.

Notice to Peace Officer

NOTICE TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: YOU MAY USE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF CHILD CUSTODY SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDER.

A PEACE OFFICER WHO RELIES ON THE TERMS OF A COURT ORDER AND THE OFFICER'S AGENCY ARE ENTITLED TO THE APPLICABLE IMMUNITY AGAINST ANY CLAIM, CIVIL OR OTHERWISE, REGARDING THE OFFICER'S GOOD FAITH ACTS PERFORMED IN THE SCOPE OF THE OFFICER'S DUTIES IN ENFORCING THE TERMS OF THE ORDER THAT RELATE TO CHILD CUSTODY.

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AN ORDER THAT IS INVALID OR NO LONGER IN EFFECT COMMITS AN OFFENSE THAT MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR AS LONG AS TWO YEARS AND A FINE OF AS MUCH AS \$10,000.

This concludes the Possession (Visitation) Order.