

**Best Parenting Plan Clauses**  
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A good parenting plan will do much more than spell out custody and visitation issues. There are scores of potential problems that may arise in the ensuing years, and the more the agreement anticipates and deals with these issues, the less likely there will be both problems later and future court dates.

Just like a separation agreement includes a long list of must-have clauses for your separation agreement, a well-written parenting plan should cover these issues:

- Birthday parties
- Birthdays
- Clothing (back-and-forth between homes)
- Communication between parents
- Computer access
- Conflicts in scheduling
- Contact with children when with the other parent
- Cosmetic surgery (tattoos, ear piercing, etc.)
- Custody defined: Legal custody & Physical custody
- Death of parent
- Decision-making rights & responsibilities
- Dispute resolution
- Driving: license, use of car, purchase, insurance costs
- Drop-off and pick-up locations and times
- Education Expenses
- Education Expenses: Defined (tuition, books, meal plan, transportation, etc.)
- Education: Private vs. public
- Education: Preschool
- Education: Elementary school
- Education: Middle school and high school
- Education: College
- Education: Conditions on obligations (Child's maintenance of GPA, etc.)
- Education: Financial aid
- Education: Participation of each parent and child
- Emancipation defined (child support)
- Entertainment: "R" rated movies, internet, alcohol, etc.
- Extracurricular activities
- Foreign travel
- Health Insurance
- Life insurance & disability

- Mailing address of child
- Medical and dental
- Military service
- Names of children
- Non-parent child care
- Out-of-pocket expenses
- Parental Behavior: Remarks, children as messengers, etc.
- Parental interference
- Parenting Plan: Holidays and vacations
- Parenting Schedule: School year
- Parenting Schedule: Summer
- Pets
- Prior approval of activities
- Prior approval of expenses
- Religion
- Religious Holidays
- Taxes
- Un-reimbursed medical expenses
- Vacations & travel
- Visitation
- Wedding and Religious Celebrations

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