

(county where original action was filed)

_____, Case No. _____
(name of person listed as plaintiff/petitioner in original action) (assigned by clerk of court)
Plaintiff/Petitioner,
vs.

**PARENTING PLAN
(Absent Parent, Court Use)**

_____,
(name of person listed as defendant/respondent in original action) **Defendant/Respondent.**

Because the noncustodial parent has not filed an answer in these proceedings, or has failed to cooperate in creating a parenting plan, the court has created this Parenting Plan, pursuant to the requirements of the Nebraska Parenting Act.

The best interests of the minor child(ren) will be maintained by ensuring regular and continuous school attendance and progress for school-age child(ren) of the parties.

The court is not aware of any facts that would make the noncustodial parent an unfit or improper person to be involved in the parenting of the minor child(ren). However, given the noncustodial parent's lack of active participation in these proceedings, the court is uncertain of the noncustodial parent's ability or willingness to be actively involved in the parenting of the minor child(ren). As such, the court has set forth the general parenting plan detailed below.

1. The custodial parent shall have physical and legal custody of the minor child(ren) of the parties and, as such, shall have the legal responsibility and authority to make final decisions concerning the parenting functions necessary to raise the child(ren), including but not limited to the responsibility and authority to determine the minor child(ren)'s principal place of residence.
2. The noncustodial parent may have parenting time with the minor child(ren) during the following times: each weekend, each holiday (including all secular and religious holidays), and each summer, *provided that* the noncustodial parent provides reasonable notice and advance request to the custodial parent and the custodial parent agrees with the noncustodial parent's request. If there is not agreement, the parents shall follow the provisions of remediation below.

3. The noncustodial parent shall, upon reasonable request to the custodial parent, have telephone parenting time with the minor child(ren) of no less than _____ minutes each week. (number of minutes per week)
4. In the event the noncustodial parent and the custodial parent agree on a specific parenting time, the noncustodial parent shall pick up the minor child(ren) from the custodial parent at the beginning of said parenting time and shall return the minor child(ren) to the custodial parent at the end of said parenting time.
5. This plan may be changed by mutual, written agreement of the parties, but any permanent changes must be approved by the court to be binding and enforceable.

REMEDIATION PROCESS REGARDING FUTURE MODIFICATION TO THIS PARENTING PLAN

In the event the noncustodial parent becomes actively involved in parenting the minor child(ren) and one or both of the parties wish to change the terms of this plan in the future, if the parties are unable to agree on the terms of such change, the parties shall attempt to mediate their disagreements by talking to a third person or persons who may be able to help the parties come to an agreement. This third person or persons need not be formally trained in mediation, although the parties are encouraged to talk to a trained mediator if possible.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF CHANGE OF ONE OF THE PARENT'S RESIDENCE

In the event one of the parents plans to change his/her residence, that parent shall notify the other parent of such change of residence. If one of the parents is living or moving to an undisclosed location because of safety concerns, the address or return address shall only include the county and state.