

2026 GEORGIA PARENTING PLAN *Checklist*

Everything you need to include in your 2026 parenting plan to have a successful co-parenting relationship

1. CUSTODY & DECISION-MAKING

- ☐ Legal custody designation (joint or sole)
- ☐ Decision-making authority for:
 - ☐ Education
 - ☐ Health care and non-emergency medical decisions
 - ☐ Religious upbringing
 - ☐ Extracurricular activities
- ☐ Physical Custody
 - ☐ Sole
 - ☐ Primary
 - ☐ Joint

2. PARENTING TIME & VISITATION

- ☐ Regular schedule during school year (weekdays, weekends)
- ☐ Summer break schedule
- ☐ School breaks (spring, winter, fall)
- ☐ Special occasions (birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day)
- ☐ Holidays
- ☐ Exchange times and locations

3. TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

- ☐ Responsibility for transportation (who picks up/drops off)
- ☐ Backup arrangements if a parent cannot transport
- ☐ Guidelines for punctuality
- ☐ Travel (domestic and international)

4. COMMUNICATION

- ☐ Between parents (preferred method: email, text, co-parenting app)
- ☐ Between child and non-custodial parent (phone, video calls, frequency)
- ☐ Notice requirements for schedule changes or emergencies

5. HEALTH & EDUCATION

- ☐ Access to medical records for both parents
- ☐ Access to school records for both parents
- ☐ Notification of emergencies (medical or school-related)

6. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- ☐ Child support arrangements (separate from parenting plan but referenced)
- ☐ Responsibility for extracurricular costs
- ☐ Responsibility for uninsured medical expenses
- ☐ Responsibility for work-related childcare

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- ☐ Preferred method (mediation, court)
- ☐ Steps before filing a modification (attempt to resolve directly first)

8. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Relocation notice requirements (if a parent moves)
- ☐ Right of first refusal (if one parent cannot care for the child, the other gets priority before using childcare)
- ☐ Rules for introducing new partners (optional, but often included)
- ☐ Travel permissions (domestic/international trips, passports)
- ☐ Access to social media (do both parents have to agree to let child have social media accounts)
- ☐ Use of alcohol/recreational drugs (neither parent will drink to the point of intoxication or use marijuana in the presence of the children)