

## EXHIBIT A

### Standard Possession Order

In this order and this Exhibit, [*CHECK ONE*] [ ] Petitioner [ ] Respondent is the Home Parent, the person who has the right to establish the primary residence of the child.

In this order and this Exhibit, [*CHECK ONE*] [ ] Petitioner [ ] Respondent is the Co-Parent, the person who has the right of access to the children according to the specific terms of the schedule set out in this Exhibit A.

The Court finds that the following provisions of this Standard Possession Order are intended to and do comply with the requirements of Texas Family Code sections 153.311 through 153.317. IT IS ORDERED that the conservators shall comply with all terms and conditions of this Standard Possession Order. IT IS ORDERED that this Standard Possession Order is effective immediately and applies to all periods of possession occurring on and after the entry of the Decree to which this Standard Possession Order is attached. IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

(a) Definitions

1. In this Standard Possession Order, "school" means the primary or secondary school in which the child is enrolled or, if the child is not enrolled in a primary or secondary school, the public school district in which the child primarily resides.

2. In this Standard Possession Order, "child" includes each child, whether one or more, who is a subject of this suit while that child is under the age of eighteen years and not otherwise emancipated.

(b) Mutual Agreement or Specified Terms for Possession

IT IS ORDERED that Co-Parent shall have possession of the child at times mutually agreed to in advance by the parties, and, in the absence of mutual agreement, it is ORDERED that Co-Parent shall have possession of the child under the specified terms set out in this Standard Possession Order.

(c) Parents Who Reside 100 Miles or Less Apart

Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Standard Possession Order, when Co-Parent resides 100 miles or less from the primary residence of the child, Co-Parent shall have the right to possession of the child as follows:

1. Weekends. On weekends, beginning at 6:00 p.m., on the first, third, and fifth Friday of each month and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the following Sunday.

2. Weekend Possession Extended by a Friday Holiday. Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Standard Possession Order, if a weekend period of possession by Co-Parent begins on a Friday that is a school holiday during the regular school term or a federal, state, or local holiday

during the summer months when school is not in session, that weekend period of possession shall begin at 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday immediately preceding the Friday holiday or school holiday.

3. Weekend Possession Extended by a Monday Holiday. Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Standard Possession Order, if a weekend period of possession by Co-Parent ends on or is immediately followed by a Monday that is a school holiday during the regular school term or a federal, state, or local holiday during the summer months when school is not in session, that weekend period of possession shall end at 6:00 p.m. on that Monday holiday or school holiday.

4. Wednesdays. On Wednesday of each week during the regular school term, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m.

5. Christmas Holidays in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the Christmas school vacation and ending at noon on December 26.

6. Christmas Holidays in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, beginning at noon on December 26 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that Christmas school vacation.

7. Thanksgiving in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the Thanksgiving holiday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the following Sunday.

8. Spring Break in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

9. Extended Summer Possession by Co-Parent.

With Written Notice by April 1. If Co-Parent gives written notice by April 1 of a year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession for that year, Co-Parent shall have possession of the child for thirty days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than seven days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation in that year, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least seven consecutive days each, as specified in the written notice. These periods of possession shall begin and end at 6:00 p.m.

Without Written Notice by April 1. If Co-Parent does not give written notice by April 1 of a year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession for that year, Co-Parent shall have possession of the child for thirty consecutive days in that year beginning at 6:00 p.m. on July 1 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on July 31.

10. Child's Birthday. If Co-Parent is not otherwise entitled under this Standard Possession Order to present possession of the child on the child's birthday, Co-Parent shall have possession of the child and the child's siblings beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. on that day, provided that Co-Parent picks up the child from Home Parent's residence and returns the child to that same place.

11. Mother's or Father's Day Weekend. Each year, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding [CHECK ONE] [ ] Mother's Day [ ] Father's Day and ending at 6:00 p.m. on [CHECK ONE] [ ] Mother's Day [ ] Father's Day provided that if Co-Parent is not otherwise entitled under this Standard Possession Order to present possession of the child, Co-Parent shall pick up the child from Home Parent's residence and return the child to that same place.

Notwithstanding the weekend and Wednesday periods of possession ORDERED for Co-Parent, it is explicitly ORDERED that Home Parent shall have a superior right of possession of the child as follows:

1. Christmas Holidays in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the Christmas school vacation and ending at noon on December 26.

2. Christmas Holidays in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, beginning at noon on December 26 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that Christmas school vacation.

3. Thanksgiving in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the Thanksgiving holiday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the following Sunday.

4. Spring Break in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

5. Summer Weekend Possession by Home Parent. If Home Parent gives Co-Parent written notice by April 15 of a year, Home Parent shall have possession of the child on any one weekend beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the following Sunday during any one period of the extended summer possession by Co-Parent in that year, provided that Home Parent picks up the child from Co-Parent and returns the child to that same place.

6. Extended Summer Possession by Home Parent. If Home Parent gives Co-Parent written notice by April 15 of a year or gives fourteen days' written notice on or after April 16 of a year, Home Parent may designate one weekend beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than seven days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, during which an otherwise scheduled weekend period of possession by Co-Parent shall not take place in that year, provided that the weekend so designated does not interfere with Co-Parent's period or periods of extended summer possession or with Father's Day Weekend.

7. Child's Birthday. If Home Parent is not otherwise entitled under this Standard Possession Order to present possession of the child on the child's birthday, Home Parent shall have possession of the child and the child's siblings beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. on that day, provided that Home Parent picks up the child from Co-Parent's residence and returns the child to that same place.

8. . Mother's or Father's Day Weekend. Each year, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding *[CHECK ONE]* ☐ Mother's Day ☐ Father's Day and ending at 6:00 p.m. on *[CHECK ONE]* ☐ Mother's Day ☐ Father's Day provided that if Home Parent is not otherwise entitled under this Standard Possession Order to present possession of the child, Home Parent shall pick up the child from Co-Parent's residence and return the child to that same place.

Home Parent shall have the right of possession of the child at all other times not specifically designated in this Standard Possession Order for Co-Parent.

(d) Parents Who Reside More Than 100 Miles Apart

Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Standard Possession Order, when Co-Parent resides more than 100 miles from the residence of the child, Co-Parent shall have the right to possession of the child as follows:

1. Weekends. Unless Co-Parent elects the alternative period of weekend possession described in the next paragraph, Co-Parent shall have the right to possession of the child on weekends, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Friday of each month and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the following Sunday. Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Standard Possession Order, if such a weekend period of possession by Co-Parent begins on a Friday that is a school holiday during the regular school term or a federal, state, or local holiday during the summer months when school is not in session, or if the period ends on or is immediately followed by a Monday that is such a holiday, that weekend period of possession shall begin at 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday immediately preceding the Friday holiday or school holiday or end at 6:00 p.m. on that Monday holiday or school holiday, as applicable.

Alternate weekend possession. In lieu of the weekend possession described in the foregoing paragraph, Co-Parent shall have the right to possession of the child not more than one weekend per month of Co-Parent's choice beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day school recesses for the weekend and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes after the weekend. Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Standard Possession Order, if such a weekend period of possession by Co-Parent begins on a Friday that is a school holiday during the regular school term or a federal, state, or local holiday during the summer months when school is not in session, or if the period ends on or is immediately followed by a Monday that is such a holiday, that weekend period of possession shall begin at 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday immediately preceding the Friday holiday or school holiday or end at 6:00 p.m. on that Monday holiday or school holiday, as applicable. Co-Parent may elect an option for this alternative period of weekend possession by giving written notice to Home Parent within ninety days after the parties begin to reside more than 100 miles apart. If Co-Parent makes this election, Co-Parent shall give Home Parent fourteen days' written or telephonic notice preceding a designated weekend. The weekends chosen shall not conflict with the provisions regarding Christmas, Thanksgiving, the child's birthday, and Mother's or Father's Day Weekend for Home Parent below.

2. Christmas Holidays in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the Christmas school vacation and ending at noon on December 26.

3. Christmas Holidays in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, beginning at noon on December 26 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that Christmas school vacation.

4. Thanksgiving in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the Thanksgiving holiday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the following Sunday.

5. Spring Break in All Years. Every year, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

6. Extended Summer Possession by Co-Parent.

With Written Notice by April 1. If Co-Parent gives written notice by April 1 of a year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession for that year, Co-Parent shall have possession of the child for forty-two days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than seven days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation in that year, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least seven consecutive days each, as specified in the written notice. These periods of possession shall begin and end at 6:00 p.m.

Without Written Notice by April 1. If Co-Parent does not give written notice by April 1 of a year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession for that year, Co-Parent shall have possession of the child for forty-two consecutive days beginning at 6:00 p.m. on June 15 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on July 27 of that year.

7. Child's Birthday. If Co-Parent is not otherwise entitled under this Standard Possession Order to present possession of the child on the child's birthday, Co-Parent shall have possession of the child and the child's siblings beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. on that day, provided that Co-Parent picks up the child from Home Parent's residence and returns the child to that same place.

8. . Mother's or Father's Day Weekend. Each year, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding *[CHECK ONE]* ☐ Mother's Day ☐ Father's Day and ending at 6:00 p.m. on *[CHECK ONE]* ☐ Mother's Day ☐ Father's Day provided that if Co-Parent is not otherwise entitled under this Standard Possession Order to present possession of the child, Co-Parent shall pick up the child from Home Parent's residence and return the child to that same place.

Notwithstanding the weekend periods of possession ORDERED for Co-Parent, it is explicitly ORDERED that Home Parent shall have a superior right of possession of the child as follows:

1. Christmas Holidays in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the Christmas school vacation and ending at noon on December 26.

2. Christmas Holidays in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, beginning at noon on December 26 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that Christmas school vacation.

3. Thanksgiving in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the day the child is dismissed from school for the Thanksgiving holiday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the following Sunday.

4. Summer Weekend Possession by Home Parent. If Home Parent gives written notice by April 15 of a year, Home Parent shall have possession of the child on any one weekend beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the following Sunday during any one period of possession by Co-Parent during Co-Parent's extended summer possession in that year, provided that if a period of possession by Co-Parent in that year exceeds thirty days, Home Parent may have possession of the child under the terms of this provision on any two nonconsecutive weekends during that period and provided that Home Parent picks up the child from Co-Parent's residence and returns the child to that same place.

5. Extended Summer Possession by Home Parent. If Home Parent gives written notice by April 15 of a year, Home Parent may designate twenty-one days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than seven days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation in that year, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least seven consecutive days each, during which Co-Parent shall not have possession of the child, provided that the period or periods so designated do not interfere with Co-Parent's period or periods of extended summer possession or with Mother's or Father's Day Weekend.

6. Child's Birthday. If Home Parent is not otherwise entitled under this Standard Possession Order to present possession of the child on the child's birthday, Home Parent shall have possession of the child and the child's siblings beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. on that day, provided that Home Parent picks up the child from Co-Parent's residence and returns the child to that same place.

7. Mother's or Father's Day Weekend. Each year, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding [CHECK ONE] ☐ Mother's Day ☐ Father's Day and ending at 6:00 p.m. on [CHECK ONE] ☐ Mother's Day ☐ Father's Day provided that if Home Parent is not otherwise entitled under this Standard Possession Order to present possession of the child, Home Parent shall pick up the child from Co-Parent's residence and return the child to that same place.

Home Parent shall have the right of possession of the child at all other times not specifically designated in this Standard Possession Order for Co-Parent.

(e) General Terms and Conditions

Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Standard Possession Order, the terms and conditions of possession of the child that apply regardless of the distance between the residence of a parent and the child are as follows:

1. Surrender of Child by Home Parent. Home Parent is ORDERED to surrender the child to Co-Parent at the beginning of each period of Co-Parent's possession at the residence of Home Parent.

2. Return of Child by Co-Parent. Co-Parent is ORDERED to return the child to Home Parent at the residence of [CHECK ONE] [ ] Home Parent [ ] Co-Parent at the end of each period of possession.

3. Personal Effects. Each conservator is ORDERED to return with the child the personal effects that the child brought at the beginning of the period of possession.

4. Designation of Competent Adult. Each conservator may designate any competent adult to pick up and return the child, as applicable. IT IS ORDERED that a conservator or a designated competent adult be present when the child is picked up or returned.

5. Inability to Exercise Possession. Each conservator is ORDERED 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.

6. Written Notice. Written notice shall be deemed to have been timely made if received or postmarked before or at the time that notice is due.

This concludes the Standard Possession Order.