

Wood County Variable Expenses

If the parties have a shared placement order, each of the parties shall pay a share of the variable expenses based upon each of their percentages of physical placement.

1. Variable expenses are all expenses not directly related to the child(ren) residing in a party's home (i.e. non-household expenses) and shall include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. all school-related expenses, including fees, school lunches, extracurricular activity fees; and
 - b. outerwear; and
 - c. extracurricular activity fees that are not school related; and
 - d. equipment, uniforms, instruments, etc. required for participation in activities; and
 - e. haircuts and styling; and
 - f. graduation-related expenses, class ring, prom, announcements, pictures, cap and gown, etc.
2. Each of the parties shall be solely responsible for the day care expenses incurred during each of their respective periods of physical placement. In the event the parties are unable to agree as to the day care provider, each party shall be responsible for obtaining day care for their respective periods of physical placement.
3. Each party shall provide a basic wardrobe, school clothes, shoes, etc. for the minor child(ren) and there shall be no reimbursement for the same. The clothing and shoes purchased by a certain parent shall remain in that parent's home except for the clothing and shoes worn by a child during exchanges of physical placement, which shall be returned at the end of a scheduled placement period.
4. Each of the parties shall be responsible for the household expenses he or she may incur on behalf of the minor child(ren) including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. groceries and meals, including meals outside the home, during his or her periods of physical placement; and
 - b. vacation expenses during his or her periods of physical placement; and
 - c. entertainment that the parent participates in with the child(ren) during his or her periods of physical placement, or entertainment expenses the minor child(ren) incurs with friends during a parent's periods of physical placement (i.e. movies, skating, etc.); and
 - d. gifts to the child(ren), whether for birthdays, holidays or any other reason unless the parents mutually agree to share the cost of said gift; and
 - e. any allowance either parent chooses to give the child(ren).
5. Unreimbursed medical expense is not a variable expense. Parents usually are ordered to split unreimbursed medical expenses for the child on an equal basis, with each paying ½. Orthodontics is an unreimbursed medical expense.
6. Tuition for private schools, absent the written agreement of the parties, is not a variable expense.
7. Expenses associated with a minor child operating a motor vehicle (i.e., auto insurance premiums, the purchase price of a vehicle, drivers education fees, tax, title and licensing, etc.) absent the written agreement of the parties, is not a variable expense.