

328TH DISTRICT COURT PARENTING CLASS AND MEDIATION
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PARENT EDUCATION COURSE REQUIRED

Except for good cause shown to the Court, all parties to lawsuits in which there are minor children (whether conservatorship is contested or not) are required to attend a parent education seminar within 30 days of filing for Petitioner and within 30 days after service for Respondent. Children should attend the child-related portion of such seminar if offered by the seminar provider. A certificate verifying attendance at the parent education seminar must be filed with the Court prior to final hearing.

APPROVED PARENTING COURSES

- Escape Family Resource Center - Families and Divorce (713) 942-9500; www.learntoparent.org
- Depelchin Children's Center – Stafford and Houston (713) 730-2335; www.depelchin.org
- Divorce As Friends, Stop the Conflict - (713) 520-5370; www.divorceasfriends.com

APPROVED ONLINE COURSES

The Court has approved the following online courses:

- www.puttingkidsfirst.org
- www.kidsfirsttoday.com
- www.family-affairs.org
- www.parentingchoice.com
- www.txparent.com
- www.parentclassonline.com
- www.coparentingintothefuture.com
- www.courtapprovedparenting.com

The Court must approve any other online course not listed above in advance.

MEDIATION REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONTESTED TEMPORARY HEARINGS REGARDING CHILDREN

Mediation is required prior to any temporary orders hearing involving conservatorship, possession and access, or geographic restriction except upon written motion and a showing of good cause.

MEDIATION REQUIRED PRIOR TO FINAL TRIAL ON MERITS

Except for good cause shown to the Court, all parties are required to attend mediation before a final trial in all cases. You may contact the Fort Bend Dispute Resolution Center at (281) 342-5000 or a private mediator. If the parties are unable to agree on a mediator or a mediation date, the Court will make that decision on written motion. A certificate of mediated settlement/or inability to settle at mediation signed by the mediator must be filed with the Clerk prior to trial on the merits, except in Applications for Protective Orders and Motions for Enforcement.