



CHILD SUPPORT

The Courts generally follow the Texas Standard Guidelines for Child Support.

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The child support schedule attached at the end of this section has been approved and adopted by the Texas Legislature. The major purpose of these guidelines is to promote the settlement of child support disputes by providing flexible and realistic measures to determine the amount of child support. The schedule is intended for use in establishing permanent, rather than temporary support. Temporary support will ordinarily be higher and may include provisions for spousal support and preservation of community property.

The schedule applies to the non-custodial parent without regard to whether that parent is male or female. The schedule is designed for the average income family and may not be valid for those on the extreme ends of either economic stratum.

For your benefit, we have attached a Quick Reference Child Support Chart that pertains to payment of child support. In order to calculate the amount of support you may receive or pay, multiply the *Net Income* by the correct percentage from the *Multiple Family Adjusted Guidelines*. This is not, however, "carved in stone". If tried by the Court, the amount of support you receive or pay may be more or less. Please also review '154.123 of the Texas Family Code attached at the end of this section for additional information concerning child support. After reading these provisions you will have a better understanding of the laws regarding child support.

There are no excuses for not paying your support!

As a general rule, there are no good excuses for not paying your child support or spousal support. **Your children come first when it comes to paying support, not your bills or preserving your property.** The Courts are intolerant of parties who fail to pay support and they will not hesitate to put that person in jail. Think about that before paying on that credit card bill. If you need financial direction, we will assist you in finding advice for that.