

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTIES OF BLUE EARTH, BROWN, COTTONWOOD,  
FARIBAULT, JACKSON, LINCOLN, LYON, MARTIN, MURRAY,  
NICOLLET, NOBLES, PIPESTONE, REDWOOD, ROCK, and WATONWAN.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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IN RE: Parent Education Program in  
Proceedings Involving Children,  
Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 518.157.

ORDER

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Whereas, Minn. Stat. § 518.157 requires the Chief Judge of each judicial district to implement Parent Education courses for cases involving contested custody or parenting time; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Supreme Court has established Minimum Standards for these courses, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 518.157, subd. 2; and

Whereas, the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO), Court Services Division (CSD), Programs and Ancillary Services Department, has a process for evaluating courses and determining whether they meet the Minimum Standards through the Parent Education Course Approval Coordinator (Coordinator); and

Whereas, the Fifth District is committed to preserving local and state resources by avoiding duplicative processes,

It is Hereby Ordered:

ORDER

1. The Counties of the Fifth District shall accept all courses approved by the SCAO Parent Education Course Approval Coordinator as meeting the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 518.157.
2. The Fifth District website content manager shall collaborate with the Coordinator to create a webpage as part of the Minnesota Judicial Branch website that lists all approved courses.
3. Fifth District Parent Education orders and materials supplied to litigants by court administrators, shall reference the URL for the webpage so that litigants have access the most up-to-date listing of courses.
4. As courses are approved, or removed from approval, by the Coordinator, the webpage shall up dated.

BY THE COURT:

Dated this 21st day of December, 2020

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Honorable Michelle A. Dietrich  
Fifth Judicial District Chief Judge