

**MAHONING COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
HON. BETH A. SMITH**

LOCAL PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE

ORC 3109.051 (F) (2)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT IF PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON THE ISSUES ADDRESSED BELOW, THIS SCHEDULE IS TO BE IN EFFECT IN CASES WHERE THE TRAVEL TIME DOES NOT EXCEED TWO (2) HOURS:

1. BASIC SCHEDULE AND CONCERNS:

A. Weekend and midweek schedule/Children's activities: Children are entitled to share time with their non-residential parent on alternating weekends, from 6:00 P.M. Friday through 6:00 P.M. Sunday commencing _____ and each week on _____ evenings from _____ P.M. to _____ P.M. (Wednesdays from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. unless parents agree otherwise) commencing _____. This weekend and midweek schedule shall remain in effect throughout the year with the exception of days when children are out of town for summer vacations with parents. During midweek parenting time, the non-residential parent will be responsible for dinner, attending to school work and transportation to scheduled activities. In order that activities do not interfere with parenting time, parents shall consult with each other before making schedules and appointments.

B. Sharing responsibility for transportation: Each parent is responsible for transportation to his or her home. When they are unable to transport children themselves, parents shall notify each other that a responsible person known to both of them (spouse, other family member) will be entrusted to pick up or return the children.

C. Waiting period/Varying the schedule: The "waiting period" to pick up and drop off children extends thirty (30) minutes. Parents shall notify each other as far as possible in advance when they will not be on time. In cases when employment makes it difficult to keep to this schedule on a regular basis, it is anticipated that the parents shall adjust the schedule accordingly.

D. Helping your children adjust: The residential parent shall have the children prepared physically and emotionally for the arrival of the non-residential parent. It is the responsibility of both parents to encourage their children to enjoy the time with both parents and to love and respect mother and father.

E. Sharing your time with your children: Parents shall give their children appropriate attention and care while the children are with them, and avoid recurring situations (other than work) when children are left with someone else for extended periods. Parents shall consult with each other before making arrangements with day care and sitters.

F. Religious practices to remain consistent: Any changes in the children's religious practices shall be made only upon agreement of parents and with approval of the Court.

G. Contact via telephone and mail: Contact via telephone, mail and e-mail shall be encouraged by both parents. Parents shall promptly update each other as to any changes in telephone numbers unless otherwise ordered by the Court. If parents cannot agree, two telephone calls per week, no later than 9:00 P.M., no longer than thirty (30) minutes, shall be scheduled, with the non-residential parent setting the time and day.

H. Traveling outside the State of Ohio: Parents shall be permitted to travel with their children to locations outside the State of Ohio without notice to the other parent or the Court for periods not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours. For travel periods that exceed forty-eight (48) hours, the traveling parent shall notify the other parent of such travel plans in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the trip. Said notice shall, at a minimum, include the scheduled departure and return dates, travel arrangements and a telephone number where the child(ren) can be reached in an emergency.

I. **Moving within or outside the State of Ohio:** In the event that the residential parent decides to relocate within or outside the state of Ohio, said parent shall, at least sixty (60) days prior to the planned move, give written notice to the court of the intention to relocate by filing a notice of intent to relocate form issued by the court. A time-stamped copy of the notice shall be furnished to the court's assignment commissioner at the time of filing. Upon the filing of said notice, the court shall mail a copy of the notice to the non-residential parent unless the residential parent objects to said mailing for reasons of alleged domestic violence or abuse or neglect of a child. The court will not normally schedule a hearing on the notice unless the non-residential parent requests the same in writing. The purpose of any such scheduled hearing shall be to determine whether it is in the best interests of the child(ren) to revise the parenting time schedule. If after sixty (60) days, no objection has been raised by the non-residential parent, the court may issue an entry modifying the parenting time as requested by the residential parent in the notice of intent to relocate. (Notice of Intent to Relocate forms are available from the court.)

J. **Modification:** Modification of this order is possible upon demonstration of the need for such change and is subject to approval of the Court. Disputes over the application or interpretation of this Order shall first be submitted to a family mediator.

K. **Records:** Pursuant to R.C. 3109.051(H), (I), and (J), and unless otherwise ordered by this Court, the nonresidential parent shall be entitled to access to any records involving the child(ren) including but not limited to school, medical and day care records on the same terms as the residential parent.

2. **HOLIDAYS:**

A. **The holiday schedule takes precedence over the weekend schedule** and shall apply unless parents agree otherwise. When necessary, appropriate alternatives for other cultures or traditions (eg, Orthodox) may be substituted. Unless otherwise specified, all holiday times are 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVEN YEARS</u>	<u>ODD YEARS</u>
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY		MOTHER	FATHER
PRESIDENT'S DAY		FATHER	MOTHER
EASTER SUNDAY		MOTHER	FATHER
SPRING (EASTER)	1st half	MOTHER	FATHER
VACATION	2nd half	FATHER	MOTHER
MEMORIAL DAY		FATHER	MOTHER
INDEPENDENCE DAY		MOTHER	FATHER
LABOR DAY		FATHER	MOTHER
THANKSGIVING	6:00 PM Wed-6:00 PM Fri	MOTHER	FATHER
	6:00 PM Fri-6:00 PM Sun	FATHER	MOTHER
CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24 @ 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 12/24		FATHER	MOTHER
CHRISTMAS DAY 12/24 @ 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 12/25		MOTHER	FATHER
WINTER (CHRISTMAS)	1st half	FATHER	MOTHER
VACATION	2nd half	MOTHER	FATHER
NEW YEAR'S	6:00 PM Dec 31-6:00 PM Jan 1	FATHER	MOTHER

B. **Other special days:**

Holidays for Mother: Mother's Day & Mother's birthday

Holidays for Father: Father's Day & Father's birthday

CHILD(REN)'S BIRTHDAY(S) 5:00 PM-8:00 PM MOTHER FATHER

3. **SUMMER VACATION:**

A. **Children are entitled to share one-half (½) of the summer vacation** (from the day after classes end until one week before classes begin) **with each parent.** If the children are not of school age, the parents shall follow the summer vacation schedule for the school district in which the residential parent lives.

B. **Children will alternate two-week periods** with each parent, beginning with the non-residential parent during the first two weeks of the vacation period.

C. **Alternating weekends and Midweek parenting time shall continue** unless parents and children travel out of town or unless the parties otherwise agree.