

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

**LOCAL PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE
ORC 3109.051 (F) (2)**

THE BEST PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE IS YOUR OWN PLAN. HOWEVER, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT IF PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO AGREE, THIS SCHEDULE SHALL APPLY IN CASES WHERE THE TRAVEL TIME DOES NOT EXCEED TWO (2) HOURS:

1. BASIC SCHEDULE AND CONCERNS:

A. Weekend and midweek schedule: The non-residential parent shall have parenting time on alternating weekends, from 6:00 P.M. Friday through 6:00 P.M. Sunday and every Wednesday from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. 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 unduly 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 should not exceed 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.

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

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, for reasons of domestic violence or abuse or neglect of a child, the court determines that the non-residential parent should not be notified. (Notice of Intent to Relocate forms are available from the court website.)

J. Modification: Modification of this order is possible upon demonstration of the need for such change and is subject to approval of the Court. The Court encourages the parties to contact the Court's Family Services Department for disputes over the application or interpretation of this Order and/or to submit the same 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/SPECIAL DAYS/SUMMER VACATIONS

A. The following Holidays/Special Days/Summer Vacation schedules take precedence over the Mid-Week and weekend schedules 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 ONE DAY holiday/special day times are 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. The spring and winter vacations shall begin at 6:00 P.M. on the last day of classes and end at 6:00 P.M. the evening before classes resume. If the children are not of school age, the parents shall follow the schedules for the school district in which the Residential Parent lives.

<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 p.m. Wed-6:00 p.m. Fri	MOTHER	FATHER
	6:00 p.m. Fri-6:00 p.m. 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 p.m. Dec 31-6:00 p.m. Jan 1	FATHER	MOTHER
MOTHER'S DAY		MOTHER	MOTHER
FATHER'S DAY		FATHER	FATHER
CHILD'S BIRTHDAY		FATHER	MOTHER

(Exception: In the event that the birthday occurs on a school day, the designated parent shall have the child from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.)

PARENT'S BIRTHDAY: The child(ren) shall be with the parent on the Parent's Birthday unless the birthday occurs on a school day, in which case the celebrating parent shall have the child(ren) from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.)

SUMMER VACATION

- Children are entitled to share one-half (½) of the summer vacation with each parent. The Summer Vacation period shall begin at 6:00 P.M. on the last day of classes and end at 6:00 P.M. one week prior to classes beginning.
- Children will alternate one week periods with each parent, beginning with the non-residential parent during the first week of the vacation period.
- Midweek parenting time shall continue during the summer vacation periods except that each parent shall have the right to exercise up to two weeks of uninterrupted parenting time upon at least thirty days notice to the other parent.