

LOCAL DOMESTIC COURT RULE 27/ LOCAL JUVENILE COURT RULE 22

MODEL VISITATION/PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE
FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
DOMESTIC AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS

FOR PARENTS TRAVELING UNDER 90 MILES ONE WAY:

This schedule is merely a guideline for parenting time. It is the parties' responsibility to tailor this schedule as necessary to meet the best interests of their children and their situation before the schedule becomes a court order.

Liberal visitation/parenting time arrangements are encouraged, as contact with both parents is important to the children. Specific items in the Journal Entry take precedence over this schedule. Changes or modifications can be made by the Court if need for such is shown. This schedule does not affect support payments.

Activities you engage in with your children, skills you teach them, or friends you help them make will make their time with you more rewarding. Additionally, regardless of how much time each parent spends with the children, there are many opportunities to be involved in their lives, such as participation and attendance at their school, sporting and extracurricular activities.

VISITATION/PARENTING TIME BETWEEN THE CHILDREN AND THE NON-RESIDENTIAL PARENT SHALL TAKE PLACE AT SUCH TIMES AND PLACES AS THE PARTIES MAY AGREE, BUT WILL NOT BE LESS THAN:

1. Weekends: Alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. This alternating weekend schedule shall not change, even when interrupted by holiday and birthday, summer and/or vacation visitation parenting time (See Section 5a below)
2. Weekdays: One weekday evening per week from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. which shall be Wednesday unless otherwise agreed and designated herein as

3. Extracurricular Activities: Regardless of where the children are living their participation in existing and renewed extracurricular activities, school related or otherwise, shall continue uninterrupted. The parent with whom they are residing at the time of the activity shall provide the transportation to these activities. Notice of all extracurricular activities, school related, or otherwise, in which the children participate, schedules of all extracurricular activities (handwritten, if no formal schedule is provided by the activity) and the name of the activity leader (including address and telephone number if reasonably available) shall be exchanged between the parents.
4. Preschool Age: Unless otherwise agreed, preschool age children follow the same schedule of school age children in the school district where they live regardless of whether or not other school age children live in the family. Frequent contact with both parents each week is recommended for very young children.
5. Holidays (includes birthdays): In odd-numbered years, mother has Spring Break, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and the first half of Winter Break. In odd-numbered years, father has Martin Luther King's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and the second half of Winter Break. In the even-numbered years, the schedules are reversed.
 - a. In the event of a conflict between regular visitation/parenting time and holiday visitation/parenting time, holiday visitation parenting time prevails. The alternating weekend visitation/parenting time continues, however, as if the holiday had not intervened. This means that one parent may have the children three weekends in a row. This process equalizes itself over the course of time for each parent.

For any holiday falling on a Monday or Friday, if the weekend immediately preceding or following the holiday visitation/parenting time is spent with the same parent, there is no need for that parent to return the children that evening and then pick them up the next morning. For a holiday falling on a Friday, visitation/parenting time commences Friday a.m. and continues to Sunday evening; or for a holiday falling on a Monday, visitation/parenting time commences Friday evening and continues to Monday evening.
 - b. Mother's Day and Father's Day and, the parent's birthdays only when they fall on a Saturday or Sunday, are to be spent with the appropriate parent. These are as agreed or 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. These do not have to be made up.
 - c. Other days of special meaning such as Religious Holidays, etc., (i.e., New Year's Eve and Day, Kwanzaa, Passover, Easter, Rosh Hashanah, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day) should be decided together, as follows:

 - d. Hours for parents who can not agree are as follows: Martin Luther King Day (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.); Spring Break (6:00 p.m. on the day school is out to 7:00 p.m. the day before school recommences; Memorial Day and Labor Day (6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Monday); July 4th (9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day);, Thanksgiving (6:00 p.m. Wednesday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday); Winter Break (first half commences at 6:00 p.m. the last day of school before Winter Break begins, until December 25 at 1:00 p.m; second half commences at 1:00 p.m. December 25 until 6:00 p.m. the day before school recommences).

- e. 48-hour notice should be given by the parent with whom the holiday is being spent for any arrangements for out of town travel on the holidays or of a change in pick-up/return times.
 - f. The children's birthdays should be alternated per child, between the parents and on an annual basis. Hours for parents who cannot agree are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Brothers and sisters attend the birthday event. These do not have to be made up.
6. Summer: In odd numbered years, Mother shall have visitation/parenting time with the children the first half of the summer, and Father shall have visitation/parenting time with the children the second half of summer. This schedule reverses in even numbered years. The summer school vacation commences the day after the children are out of school and continues until seven (7) days before school begins. Each parent's time is calculated by taking the number of intervening weeks (full and/or partial) and dividing in half.

Weekday and alternating weekend visitation/parenting time shall be exercised by the parent who is not exercising his/her half of the summer.

7. Vacations: Each parent may arrange an uninterrupted- vacation of not more than two (2) weeks with the children. Each parent shall schedule this vacation during his/her half of the summer. A general itinerary of the vacation shall be provided for the other parent, including dates, locations, addresses, and telephone numbers. Holiday and birthday celebrations with either parent shall not be missed, requiring scheduling of the vacation around these events or that the missed occasion be made up. Alternate weekend visitation/parenting time with the other parent is missed during vacation, and there is no requirement that it be made up.

8. Telephone Access.

- a. Children can call either parent as often as they wish, at reasonable times, so long as the call is collect, if it is a long distance call.
- b. In addition, the non-possessory parent shall be entitled to telephone communication with the children not less than three times per week for not less than 15 minutes per call.
- c. Possessory parent shall not interfere with or stop the telephone communication.

9. Transportation: The parties shall divide the transportation equally. The parent who is exercising visitation/parenting time shall pick up the children. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed by the parents, drop off/pick up shall be at the parents' respective homes.

10. Moving: Upon either parent learning that he/she will be moving, he/she shall immediately notify the other parent except in those circumstances wherein notice is not required by R.C. 3109.051 (G), and provide the other parent with the moving date, new residence address and telephone number, and such other pertinent information necessary to effectuate a smooth move for the children. The parents shall attempt, in good faith, to renegotiate an appropriate and beneficial new visitation/parenting time schedule.

11. Waiting: Neither parent shall be more than 30 minutes late picking up the children. If the non-residential parent has not arrived to pick up the children within the 30 minute period, visitation/parenting time is forfeited and shall not be made up.

12. Cancellation: The non-residential parent should give 24 hour notice to cancel. The time canceled by the non-residential parent is forfeited.

13. Illness: If a child is ill, the residential parent should give 24 hour notice, if possible, so appropriate plans can be made. However, if any visitation/parenting time, weekend, holiday/birthday, or vacation is missed due to non-emergency and/or critical illness, then any missed visitation/parenting time shall be made up as provided in paragraph 14.

14. Make-up Visitation/Parenting time: Any make-up visitation/parenting time required by this schedule shall occur the first weekend of the other parent immediately following the missed visitation/parenting time and shall continue during the other parent's weekends until made up in full, including partial weekends.

15. Current Address and Telephone Number: Except as provided in the court order, each parent shall keep the other informed of his/her current address and telephone number at all times.

Emergency Contact: Both parents shall at all times, regardless of whether the children are with him/her, provide the other parent with a telephone number for contact in the event of an emergency.

16. Car Seat: For any and all children required by law to ride in a car seat, the parents shall transfer the car seat with the child as visitation/parenting time exchanges occur.

17. Clothing: The parents shall cooperate in the exchange of the children's clothing prior to and following visitation/parenting time.

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