

**STANDARD ORDER OF PARENTING TIME  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT**

*EFFECTIVE 4-1-24*

Parents are encouraged to agree on a fair written parenting time schedule that fits their circumstances and their children's lives, with the following serving as a schedule when the parents cannot agree. The parents may change this schedule by agreement. In the event of conflicting dates and times, the following is the order of priority: Children's Birthdays; Mother's/Father's Day; Holidays; Summer/Breaks; Weekends; then Weekdays. If the parents have more than one child, the parenting time will be exercised with all children together. Each parent has a duty to facilitate and encourage the other parent's parenting time with the children.

- 1. **WEEKENDS:** The non-residential parent shall have parenting time on alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday at 6:00 p.m. (Exception – not applicable during summer vacation)
- 2. **WEEKDAY:** The non-residential parent shall have parenting time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening or another weekday evening by agreement. (Exception – not applicable during summer vacation)
- 3. **HOLIDAYS:** The non-residential parent shall have the children on the holidays in Column 1 in odd-numbered years and the holidays in Column 2 in the even-numbered years. The residential parent shall have the children on the holidays in Column 1 in even-numbered years and the holidays in Column 2 in odd-numbered years:

**COLUMN 1:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 Easter Sunday  
 Juneteenth (June 19)  
 Labor Day

**COLUMN 2:** Presidents Day  
 Memorial Day  
 Fourth of July  
 Thanksgiving Day

Parenting time shall be from 9:00 a.m. the day of the holiday until 9:00 p.m. When the holiday falls on a Monday immediately following a non-residential parenting time weekend, the non-residential parent shall be entitled to keep the children continuously from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Monday.

- 4. **MOTHER'S/FATHER'S DAY:** On Mother's Day (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May) and Father's Day (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June), the parties shall agree in writing which parent shall have the child(ren) from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. In the absence of a written agreement, in all even-numbered years the residential parent is awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May and the non-residential parent is awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June. In all odd-numbered years the reverse shall apply.
- 5. **CHRISTMAS BREAK:** In all even-numbered years, the residential parent shall have the children from 9:00 a.m. the day after school recesses (or 9:00 a.m. on December 20 if the children are not in school), until 9:00 p.m. December 24 and the non-residential parent shall have the children from 9:00 p.m. December 24 through 6:00 p.m. January 1. In all odd-numbered years the reverse shall apply.
- 6. **BIRTHDAYS:** In odd-numbered years, the non-residential parent shall have all the children on each child's birthday from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. In even-numbered years, residential parent shall have all the children on each child's birthday from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- 7. **SPRING BREAKS:** In odd-numbered years the non-residential parent shall have all the children for the spring break from school, starting at 9:00 a.m. the day after school recesses to 6:00 p.m. the Sunday before school resumes. The residential parent shall have the children for spring break in the even-numbered years. If all the children are not of school age, the Saturday before Easter through the Friday after Easter shall be substituted.
- 8. **SUMMER VACATION:** The parties shall exercise summer parenting time in alternating one week increments beginning the first Friday after the last day of school. Each period shall begin on Friday at 6:00 p.m. until the following Friday at 6:00 p.m. The alternate parenting week schedule shall continue until the children are scheduled to return to school. In the odd numbered years, the non-residential parent shall start the first week. In the even numbered years, the residential parent shall start the first week.

If either party is employed by an employer that has an annual mandatory shut-down, that party shall have priority for parenting time during that period. If both parents have an identical shut-down period, the non-residential parent shall have priority. If the mandatory shut-down period creates a conflict with the alternating week schedule, the parties shall trade an equal amount of time as make-up for the lost shut-down parenting time.

Mid weekday and alternating weekend parenting time shall be suspended during summer vacation parenting time. Child support will not be reduced during summer parenting time.

Each parent shall provide the other parent with destination, time of departure and arrival, phone number for emergency purposes, and mode of travel and flight numbers. In all cases, this summer vacation schedule ends at 6:00 p.m. the Friday before classes resume. That Friday the children shall be returned to the residential parent. Effective that Friday, the weekend and weekday parenting times pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall resume. The non-residential parent's first alternating weekend shall begin the following weekend.

9. **LATE PICK-UP:** The residential parent shall have the children ready for pick-up at the start of all parenting time. The children and the residential parent have no duty to wait for the non-residential parent to arrive for parenting time more than thirty (30) minutes, unless notified. The non-residential parent who arrives more than thirty minutes late without prior notification for a particular parenting time forfeits that parenting time, unless the residential parent agrees otherwise.

10. **DROP-OFF:** The non-residential parent will not return the children early from parenting time unless the parents agree to a different drop-off time in advance. The residential parent or other adult well-known to the children must be present when the children are returned from parenting time.

11. **CANCELING NON-RESIDENTIAL PARENTING TIME:** Except in emergency situations, the non-residential parent must give at least 24 hours advance notice when canceling any parenting time.

12. **MAKE-UP NON-RESIDENTIAL PARENTING TIME:** Make-up days shall be given if an emergency prevents scheduled parenting time. When requested by non-residential parent, all make-up parenting time shall be rescheduled and exercised within sixty (60) days of that emergency.

13. **MEDICAL TREATMENT AND EMERGENCIES:** If the children become seriously ill or injured, each parent shall notify the other parent as soon as practicable. If the children become ill or injured during their time with the non-residential parent, said parent, shall contact the residential parent to secure treatment unless the situation is a medical emergency.

14. **TELEPHONE/MAIL OR ELECTRONIC:** Neither parent shall interfere with written, voice, or electronic communications between the children and the other parent. Long-distance calls from an out of town parent shall be at that parent's expense. Non-emergency phone calls should be limited to one per day before 8:00 p.m. EST.

15. **TRANSPORTATION:** The non-residential parent has responsibility for transportation of the children to and from their home for parenting time with them and may use another adult well-known to the children for picking up or dropping off the children when necessary. Any person transporting the children may not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and must be a licensed, insured driver. All child restraint and seat-belt laws must be observed by the driver. Car seats should be exchanged when required.

16. **SCHOOL WORK:** Parents shall provide time for children to study and complete homework assignments, even if the completion of work interferes with the parent's plans for the children. The residential parent is responsible for providing the non-residential parent all of the school assignments and books. Summer school which is necessary for a child must be attended, regardless of which parent has the child during the summer school period.

17. **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Regardless of where the children are living, their continued participation in extracurricular activities, school related or otherwise, should not be interrupted. It shall be the responsibility of the parent with whom the children are residing at the time to discuss the scheduling of such activities with the children and to provide transportation to the activities. Each parent shall provide the other parent with notice of all extracurricular activities, complete with schedules and the name, address and telephone number of the activity leader, if available.

18. **OUT-OF-STATE RELOCATION:** Neither parent shall relocate the children out of state without first obtaining a modified non-residential parenting time order. The parties may submit an agreed order modifying parenting time, with a provision for allocation of transportation expenses, to the court for adoption by the court as an order. If the parents are unable to agree, the moving parent shall, prior to relocation, 1) file a motion asking the court to modify the parenting time schedule, 2) set a hearing, and 3) obtain a modified parenting time order. No continuances of the hearing will be granted without written permission of the assigned judge.

19. **ACCESS TO RECORDS:** The non-residential parent shall have access to the same records, same school activities and to any day-care center which the children attend on the same basis that said records or access is legally permitted to the residential parent, unless a restrictive order has been obtained from the court. It is the responsibility of the parent obtaining a restrictive order to serve it on the appropriate organization.

20. **NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Each parent shall give written notice to the other parent immediately upon any change of address and/or phone number, unless a restrictive order has been obtained from the court. A copy of the notice, including the party's name and case number, shall also be provided to the Domestic Relations Court, P.O. Box 972, 301 W. Third Street, Second Floor, Dayton, Ohio 45422-2160, Attention: Assignment Commissioner.