

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION  
PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE – O.R.C. §3109.051 AND LOCAL RULE 19(C)  
Amended December 1, 2007 JUDGE JOSEPH GIULITTO

The best PARENTING TIME (visitation) schedule is your own plan. However, if you cannot agree, the Court designed this schedule to insure that your child(ren) will have frequent and consistent contact with the non-residential parent.

If there are objections to this plan because of special circumstances (for example: travel time, work schedules), or problems (for example: substance abuse, mental illness, violence), you must present specific facts in a scheduled hearing stating why this visitation schedule is not in the best interest of your child.

**PLEASE NOTE: Summer vacations shall take precedence over the holiday schedule and the holiday schedule shall take precedence over the normal weekly schedule.**

**A. WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND**

1. **FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO THREE MONTHS:**  
Two weekly times for two hours on the days and times the parties can agree. If the parties cannot agree, then the days shall be every Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
2. **FOR CHILDREN THREE MONTHS TO 18 MONTHS:**  
Two weekly times for 2-6 hours on the days and times the parties can agree. If the parties cannot agree, then the days shall be every Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
3. **FOR CHILDREN 18 MONTHS TO 30 MONTHS:**  
Alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Saturday 6:00 p.m. and every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
4. **FOR CHILDREN FROM 30 MONTHS AND OLDER:**  
Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and alternating weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

**B. SUMMER VACATION**

1. **FOR CHILDREN AGE 18 MONTHS TO 30 MONTHS:**  
Two weeks parenting time for any child under age 30 months. Parenting time shall be taken in no longer than one-week segments.
2. **FOR CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 30 MONTHS AND OLDER:**  
Six weeks parenting time each summer to be arranged the moment the summer vacations are posted, or at least 30 days prior to the parenting time so the parties have an opportunity to take the child(ren) for vacation. Parenting time shall be no more than two consecutive weeks at a time. During four of the six weeks of parenting time of the non-residential parent,

the residential parent shall have the same weekday and weekend parenting time as the non-residential parent has throughout the year.

- a. Each parent is entitled to two weeks in a row each summer without interruption for purposes of taking the child(ren) on vacation when the child(ren) are age 30 months and older.
- b. Each parent must provide the other parent with his/her vacation destination and telephone number, where he/she can be reached, times of arrival and departure and method of travel.
- c. Non-residential parent's schedule shall have priority over residential parent's schedule. The parties shall give written notice of the vacation schedule at least 30 days in advance or no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and parties shall exchange their respective summer schedules no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- d. The non-residential parent shall be entitled to exercise overnight parenting time with the child(ren) on Tuesday and Thursday during the summer for child(ren) over the age of 30 months unless the child(ren) are on vacation away from home.
- e. Child support shall abate by one half for any period equal to two consecutive weeks or more that the children are with the non-residential parent. The parties claiming that abatement shall make the request yearly by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**C. HOLIDAY PARENTING TIME**

HOLIDAY	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS	DAYS/TIMES
1. Martin Luther King Day	father	mother	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. President's Day	mother	father	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
3. Easter Sunday	father	mother	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
4. Spring Break*	father	mother	5:30 p.m. day school ends to 7:00 p.m. day before school begins
5. Memorial Day	mother	father	5:30 p.m. Friday preceding to Monday at 7:00 p.m.
6. Fourth of July	father	mother	5:30 p.m. 7/3 to 11:00 p.m. 7/4
7. Labor Day	mother	father	5:30 p.m. Friday preceding to Monday at 7:00 p.m.
8. Halloween	father	mother	4 hours on "trick or treat" day/night or in each neighborhood
9. Thanksgiving*	father	mother	5:30 p.m. Wed. to Fri. at 7:00 p.m.
	mother	father	7:00 p.m. Fri. to Sun. at 7:00 p.m.
10. Christmas Eve	father	mother	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
11. Christmas Day	mother	father	10:00 p.m. 12/24 to 7:00 p.m. 12/25
12. New Year's Eve	father	mother	5:30 p.m. 12/31 to 7:00 p.m. 1/1
13. Winter break*	divide equally		

\* or as the parties may otherwise agree in writing

#### **D. DAYS OF SPECIAL MEANING**

1. Religious or ethnic holidays – alternate between the parties yearly, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. Mother and Father's Day with respective parents, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
3. Children's birthdays with father in even-numbered years and mother in odd-numbered years, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All siblings to attend.
4. Parent's birthdays, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### **E. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

Each parent shall keep the other parent notified of any change in address and/or telephone number. If the residential parent intends to move to a residence outside Portage County, he/she shall immediately file a Notice of Intent to Relocate with the Clerk of Court and shall serve copies upon the Court, CSEA and the other parent. If the parties cannot by written agreement agree that the move is in the best interest of the child(ren), then either the residential parent or non-residential parent shall file a motion and schedule a hearing to revise the companionship schedule prior to relocating. ORC §3109.051 (G)(1)

#### **F. ACCESS TO RECORDS, DAY CARE AND ACTIVITIES**

Each party is entitled, under the same terms and conditions under which access is provided to the residential parent, to access:

1. any school, health or agency records to reports that are related to the child(ren);
  2. any child day care center that the child(ren) attends; and
  3. any student activity in which the child(ren) participate.
- ORC §3109.051 (H), (I), (J).

#### **G. OTHER PROVISIONS**

1. This is the minimum schedule of parenting time and the non-residential parent is entitled to any other parenting time as ordered by the Court or as the parties may agree.
2. Parenting time does not mean picking up the child(ren) and then leaving them with someone else.
3. The child(ren) and the residential parent have no duty to wait for the other parent for no more than 30 minutes of the agreed parenting time. A parent late more than 30 minutes shall forfeit that parenting time.
4. The parties exercising visitation shall bear the responsibility and costs of transportation unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing or as determined by the Court.