

**SAGINAW COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT**  
**JOINT CUSTODY PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE**

The following holiday schedule takes precedence over any other parenting time schedule:

In **odd** numbered years, the Defendant will have the minor child(ren) on the following holidays: Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and child(ren)'s birthdays.

In **odd** numbered years, the Plaintiff will have the minor child(ren) on the following holidays: Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Halloween and Christmas Eve.

In **even** numbered years, the Defendant will have the minor child(ren) on the following holidays: Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Halloween and Christmas Eve.

In **even** numbered years, the Plaintiff will have the minor child(ren) on the following holidays: Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and child(ren)'s birthdays.

**Hours for holidays are as follows:**

Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fourth of July - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day.

\*Labor Day - 6:00 p.m. on Friday to 9:00 p.m. on Monday.

\*Memorial Day - 6:00 p.m. on Friday to 9:00 p.m. on Monday.

\*Thanksgiving - 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday (the day before the holiday) to 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

\*Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving - The parent who does not have the extended holiday weekend will be entitled to have the child(ren) the prior weekend.

Christmas Eve - December 23 from 6:00 p.m. to December 24 at 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - December 24 from 10:00 p.m. to December 25 at 9:00 p.m.

Halloween - 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. if there is no school the following day.

Mother's Day - each year, the Mother will have the minor child(ren) on Mother's Day from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Father's Day - each year, the Father will have the minor child(ren) on Father's Day from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Children's birthdays - Birthday times in the summer and on weekends shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and during the school year, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and include all the children on each child's birthday. If a child's birthday falls on a holiday (designated above), the holiday takes precedence over the birthday.

#### Periods of Extended Parenting Time

##### A. Christmas School Vacation

In **odd** numbered years, the Plaintiff will have the minor child(ren) the first portion of the Christmas school vacation until December 24 at 10:00 p.m. and the Defendant will have the minor child(ren) the second portion. In **even** numbered years, the Defendant will have the minor child(ren) the first portion of the Christmas school vacation until December 24 at 10:00 p.m. and the Plaintiff will have the second portion. Christmas school vacation is defined as 6:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

If there are no school-age children, then Christmas break begins on December 16 at 9:00 a.m. and ends on January 1 at 6:00 p.m.

##### B. Spring School Break

In **even** numbered years, the Defendant will have the minor child(ren) during the Spring school break. In **odd** numbered years, the Plaintiff will have the minor child(ren) during the Spring school break.

Spring school break is defined as 6:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

If there are no school-age children, then Spring break is defined as Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. to the following Sunday at 6:00 p.m. In **odd** numbered years, the Plaintiff's parenting time will begin on Easter Sunday. In **even** numbered years, the Defendant will have the child(ren) for one week beginning on Easter Sunday.

##### C. SUMMER

Each party shall have the minor child(ren) for two fourteen-day periods in the summer which must be taken separately (non-consecutively). The dates for each period shall be chosen by the Plaintiff first in the **odd** years and Defendant first in the **even** years. If written notification of the desired dates is not given to the other party and the Friend of the Court by May 1st of each year, then the party with the first priority shall have the minor children the second and third full weeks of July and the second and third full weeks of August. Summer parenting time shall commence on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and end two weeks later on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Alternate weekend and weekday parenting time with the children is suspended during these periods of time.

The party with the second priority must give written notification to the other party and the Friend of the Court of the chosen dates for summer parenting time at least two weeks in advance but no sooner than May 2nd.

#### PARENTING POLICIES

1. The parenting time schedule will be exercised in a prompt manner. In the event of an unforeseen circumstance, a thirty (30) minute delay is allowed for picking up and returning the child(ren).
2. Summer school necessary for the child(ren) to pass to the next grade must be attended. Either party must obtain written verification from the school regarding the necessity of summer enrollment.
3. A general itinerary and emergency telephone number will be provided to the other parent if an out-of-town vacation is planned.
4. Transportation is the responsibility of the party exercising parenting time when the distance between the residences of the parties is less than or equal to 150 miles. The location of the parenting time exchange shall always be the party's residence unless otherwise specified by Court order (i.e. the party picking up and dropping off the child(ren) will do so at the other party's residence).
5. If there are school age and non-school age children, then the younger child(ren) follow the parenting time schedule of the child(ren) in school. Kindergarten or Young Fives is the first recognized school grade.
6. In the event there is a dispute and the parenting time order does not address the disputed issue(s), the Friend of the Court has authority to determine the following: the distance (mileage) between the parties' homes, what items should be provided by each parent during the child's visit, who may pick up and return the child pursuant to the court-ordered schedule or whether the child may travel alone, and what child-related activities either party cannot engage in during parenting time (such as hair-cutting, ear-piercing, unauthorized non-emergency medical treatment, etc.). The Friend of the Court may also determine when a parenting time schedule begins if the order is silent.