

SAGINAW COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT
SPLIT CUSTODY PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE

The parties shall have reasonable parenting time during any periods of time which are mutually agreeable to the parties. If an agreement cannot be reached regarding the dates and times for parenting time, then the parties shall be bound by the schedule stated below. The visiting parent must give at least 24 hours notice to the other parent of any inability to exercise said schedule.

WHEN PARTIES LIVE WITHIN 150 MILES FROM EACH OTHER

1. Each party shall have the minor children on alternating weekends (including the summer) from 6:00 p.m. on Friday until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.
2. Each party shall have the minor children one weekday, on alternate weeks, for three hours. If the parties are unable to agree on the specific weekday or time, then said day and time shall be Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This midweek parenting time is suspended during Christmas vacation, Spring break, and the parties' two-week period in the summer. If the parties reside more than 30 miles apart, midweek parenting time shall be exercised in the vicinity of the child's residence.
3. The following holiday schedule takes precedence over any other parenting time schedule:

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

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

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

In **even** numbered years, the Plaintiff will have the minor children on the following holidays: Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and children'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 children 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 children 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 children 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.

4. Periods of Extended Parenting Time

A. Summer

Each party shall have the minor children 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.

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.

B. Christmas School Vacation

In **odd** numbered years, the Plaintiff will have the minor children the first portion of the Christmas school vacation until December 24 at 10:00 p.m. and the Defendant will have the minor children the second portion. In **even** numbered years, the Defendant will have the minor children 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.

C. Spring School Break

In **even** numbered years, the Defendant will have the minor children during the Spring school break. In **odd** numbered years, the Plaintiff will have the minor children 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 children for one week beginning on Easter Sunday.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the responsibility of the party who is exercising the parenting time.

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 children.
2. Summer school necessary for the children 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 children will do so at the other party's residence).
5. If there are school-age and non-school age children, then the younger children follow the parenting time schedule of the children 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.