

**SAGINAW COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT
STANDARD PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE**

The non-custodial parent 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 non-custodial parent must give at least 24 hours notice to the custodial parent of any inability to exercise said schedule.

WHEN PARTIES LIVE WITHIN 150 MILES FROM EACH OTHER

1. The non-custodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) on alternating weekends (including the summer) from 6:00 p.m. on Friday until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.
2. The non-custodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) one weekday for three hours. If the parties are unable to agree on the specific weekday or time, it shall be Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This midweek parenting time is suspended during Christmas vacation, Spring break, and the custodial parent's 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 custodial parent 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 non-custodial parent 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 custodial parent 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 non-custodial parent 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.

4. Periods of Extended Parenting Time

A. Summer

The non-custodial parent 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 non-custodial parent unless said parent fails to give written notification of the desired dates to the custodian and the Friend of the Court by May 1st of each year the parenting time is to take place. If proper notification is not given, the non-custodian shall have the minor child(ren) the second and third full weeks of July and the second and third full weeks of August, with parenting time commencing on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and ending two weeks later on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The custodial parent's alternate weekends with the child(ren) are suspended during the non-custodian's parenting time.

The custodial parent shall be entitled to fourteen

consecutive days during the summer, excluding the non-custodian's parenting time periods. The custodial parent must give written notification to the Friend of the Court and the non-custodial parent of the chosen dates at least two weeks in advance (but no sooner than May 2). Alternate weekend and midweek parenting time for the non-custodial parent is suspended during this latter period.

B. Christmas School Vacation

In **odd** numbered years, the non-custodial parent will have the minor child(ren) the first portion of the Christmas school vacation until December 24 at 10:00 p.m. and the custodial parent will have the minor child(ren) the second portion. In **even** numbered years, the custodial parent will have the minor child(ren) the first portion of the Christmas school vacation until December 24 at 10:00 p.m. and the non-custodial parent 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. The weekend and midweek schedule is suspended during this vacation.

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 custodial parent will have the minor child(ren) during the Spring school break. In **odd** numbered years, the non-custodial parent 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. The weekend and midweek schedule is suspended during this vacation.

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 non-custodian's parenting time will begin on Easter Sunday. In **even** numbered years, the custodial parent will have the child(ren) for one week beginning on Easter Sunday.

WHEN THE PARTIES LIVE OVER 150 MILES FROM EACH OTHER

1. From September through May, the non-custodial parent shall

have the minor child(ren) the second weekend of every month from 5:00 p.m. on Friday until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

2. The non-custodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) for six consecutive weeks in the summer. The dates shall be chosen by the non-custodial parent unless said parent fails to give written notification of the desired dates to the custodial parent and the Friend of the Court by May 1st of each year the parenting time is to take place. If proper notification is not given, the non-custodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) for six consecutive weeks beginning the first full week of July.
3. The non-custodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) for Thanksgiving in **even** numbered years, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday and ending 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.
4. Christmas School Vacation

In **even** numbered years, the non-custodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) during the entire Christmas school vacation.

Christmas school vacation is defined as 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 3:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

If there are no school-age children, then Christmas break begins on December 16 at 5:00 p.m. and ends on January 1 at 3:00 p.m.

5. Spring School Break

In **odd** numbered years, the non-custodial parent will have the minor child(ren) during the Spring school break.

Spring school break is defined as 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 3:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

If there are no school-age children, then Spring Break begins on the Saturday before Easter at 5:00 p.m. and ends the Sunday following Easter at 3:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the responsibility of the non-custodial parent except for the following:

Parties who live over 150 miles from each other will equally share transportation for Summer, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parenting time when the child(ren) have moved from Saginaw County. If the parties cannot agree on how to divide the responsibility, the non-custodial parent will be responsible for transporting the

child(ren) at the beginning of the parenting time period and the custodial parent will be responsible for transportation at the end of the visit. To determine if the distance requirement has been met, the Friend of the Court will use a 150-mile radius, starting at the Saginaw County Courthouse.

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.