

## LONG-DISTANCE PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE

This schedule applies when a parent must travel over 100 miles one-way to pick up the child(ren).

Liberal parenting time for both parents with their child(ren) is encouraged. The court recognizes that, if at all possible, parents should create their own schedule for parenting their children. This sample parenting schedule is available for your review and consideration to assist you in the creation of your own parenting schedule. As parents, you are encouraged to review this schedule to determine what is in the best interests of your child(ren).

1. The non-custodial parent shall have one weekend per month from Friday at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday at 6:00 p.m. If the parties cannot agree on the weekend, it shall be the first full weekend of the month. In addition, if there is a 5<sup>th</sup> full weekend in any given month the non-custodial parent shall be awarded that weekend from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
2. The non-custodial parent shall have the spring school vacation in even-numbered years. Spring school break is defined as 6:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes. Easter is only included in years that Easter is a portion of the break.
3. The non-custodial parent shall have the first half of the summer school vacation in even-numbered years and the second half of summer vacation in odd-numbered years. Summer vacation is defined as 9:00 a.m. two days after school recesses for the school year until 6:00 p.m. two days before the new school year resumes. A general itinerary shall be provided to the other parent if the child(ren) are on a trip away from either parent's home.
4. The non-custodial parent shall have the Thanksgiving holiday in even-numbered years. Thanksgiving shall be defined as 6:00 p.m. the Wednesday before Thanksgiving until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.
5. The non-custodial parent shall have the Christmas school vacation in odd-numbered years. Christmas school vacation is defined as 6:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.
6. Responsibility for transportation costs for Spring, Summer, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parenting time shall be agreed upon between the parties. If there is no agreement as to transportation, then the parties shall file the appropriate motions.
7. The non-custodial parent shall have additional overnight and weekend parenting time upon a minimum of seven days advanced, **written** notice whenever the non-custodial parent is in the geographical area of the child(ren). The custodial parent must cooperate with a reasonable request.
8. Whenever the child(ren) are in the area of the non-custodial parent, the custodial parent must notify the non-custodial parent and offer reasonable time for the child(ren) to be with that parent.
9. The non-custodial parent shall have weekend parenting time whenever the child(ren) has a Friday or a Monday school holiday including but not limited to: Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Labor Day, and Memorial Day. The non-custodial parent shall be solely responsible for transportation during these parenting time periods. The custodial parent shall provide a copy of the school calendar to the non-custodial parent every fall so that arrangements for extended weekend parenting time can be made in advance.
10. The children shall have reasonable telephone or electronic contact (i.e. Facetime or Skype) with the parent who is not exercising parenting time.