

GEAUGA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Local Parenting Time Schedule
TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL, JUDGE
Probate / Juvenile Division

The best companionship schedule is that to which the parties may mutually agree. However, if the parties cannot agree, the Court designates the following schedule to ensure the child(ren) will have frequent and consistent contact with the parents. Upon proper application, or at the Court's discretion, the Court may deviate from the schedule in the best interest of the child(ren).

If a child indicates opposition to visiting the other parent, it shall be the responsibility of both parents to positively encourage non-residential parenting time, to appropriately resolve the situation by calmly discussing with the child(ren) the reasons for their opposition, and to work together to alleviate any opposition without confrontation or argument.

Local is defined as distance between the child and the non-custodial parent, which requires less than three hours of travel time each way and is within the United States. The three hours of travel time is calculated as the quickest route using driving directions on Google Maps.

Parenting time with child(ren) shall be at a minimum as follows:

For children from birth to six months: Two periods of three hours and one period of eight hours spaced throughout each week: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday unless otherwise agreed by the parents. If the parents cannot agree on the days and times, the parenting time shall be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

For children from six months to 12 months: Two periods of three hours and one overnight spaced throughout each week: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday unless otherwise agreed by the parents. If the parents cannot agree on the days and times, the parenting time shall be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Saturday from 3:00 P.M. until Sunday at 1:00 P.M.

For children 12 months and older:

Weekends: Alternating weekends from Friday at the time of release from school or extracurricular activities until Sunday at 7:00 P.M. If the parents cannot agree to the time Friday, it shall be 5:00 P.M.

Midweek: In addition to weekends, the child(ren) shall spend a minimum of one day with the non-residential parent from the time of school release or extracurricular activities until 8:00 P.M. If the parents cannot agree on the day of midweek parenting time, it shall be on Wednesday. If the parents cannot agree to the time that the midweek visitation shall commence, it shall be 5:00 P.M.

Days of Special Meaning

Mother's Day and mother's birthday shall always be spent with mother. Father's Day and father's birthday shall always be spent with father. If the parents cannot agree, the time shall be 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. if the day of special meaning falls on a non-school

day and from the time of release from school or extracurricular activities until 8:00 P.M. if the day of special meaning falls on a school day.

The child(ren)'s birthday shall be spent with the mother in even numbered years and with the father in odd number years. If the parents cannot agree, the time shall be 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. if the birthday falls on a non-school day and from the time of release from school or extracurricular activities until 8:00 P.M. if the birthday falls on a school day. The child(ren)'s brothers and sisters shall attend the birthday event when they are not in school.

Religious or ethnic holidays shall be spent with the father in even numbered years and with the mother in odd number years. If the parents cannot agree, the time shall be 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. if the day of special meaning falls on a non-school day and from the time of release from school or extracurricular activities until 8:00 P.M. if the day of special meaning falls on a school day.

Days of Special Meaning shall take precedence over the weekend and midweek parenting times.

Holidays: If not changed by agreement, the holiday times shall be as follows:

HOLIDAY	EVEN NUMBERED YEARS	ODD NUMBERED YEARS	TIME PERIOD
Martin Luther King Day	Father	Mother	9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.
Presidents' Day	Mother	Father	9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.
Easter	Father	Mother	10:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.
Memorial Day	Mother	Father	9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.
July 4 th	Father	Mother	9:00 A.M. until 11:00 P.M.
Labor Day	Mother	Father	9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.
Halloween (if appropriate to the family's customs and beliefs)	Father	Mother	12:00pm-10:00pm
Thanksgiving	Father	Mother	9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve	Mother	Father	10:00 A.M. on 12/24 until 10:00 A.M. on 12/25
Christmas Day	Father	Mother	10:00 A.M. on 12/25 until 10:00 A.M. on 12/26
New Year's Eve	Mother	Father	11:00 A.M. on 12/31 until 11:00 A.M. on 1/1
New Year's Day	Father	Mother	11:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.
Spring Break	Mother	Father	School release until the Sunday prior to school resuming at 7:00 P.M.

The parent having possession on Christmas Day shall retain possession during the second half of the winter school break and the other parent shall have possession during the first half of the winter school break.

If the child(ren) are not of school age, the extended possessory periods shall be determined from the school calendar of the district where the residential parent resides.

If the parent has parenting time on a weekend immediately preceding his/her designated Monday holiday, the possession time shall be extended overnight on Sunday through the holiday period.

Holidays shall take precedence over the weekend and midweek parenting times.

Summer Break

For children from birth to 12 months: Two weeks parenting time in addition to standard weekend and midweek parenting time taken in no longer than one week segments. The non-residential parent's schedule shall have priority over the residential parent's schedule.

For children 12 months and older: Four weeks of parenting time in addition to standard weekend and midweek parenting time each summer break. Parenting time shall be exercised no more than two consecutive weeks at a time.

During the summer parenting time, each parent is entitled to a maximum of 14 days of uninterrupted parenting time to accommodate a parent's scheduled out-of-town vacation time.

The non-residential parent's schedule shall have priority over the residential parent's schedule. The parents shall exchange summer break schedules at least 30 days prior to the last day of school or no later than May 1st, whichever is earlier.

Each parent must provide the other parent with his/her vacation destination and telephone number, where s/he can be reached, times of arrival and departure, and method of travel.

The non-residential parent shall be entitled to exercise overnight parenting time with the child(ren) on Wednesdays from 5:00 P.M. until Thursday at 9:00 A.M. unless the child(ren) are on vacation away from home.

The summer vacation periods shall take precedence over the weekend and midweek parenting times.

Order of Priority

In the event of conflicting date and times, the order of priority for visitations shall be holidays; spring/summer/winter breaks; birthdays; Mother's/Father's Day; days of special meaning; weekends; and lastly weekdays.

Transportation

The person receiving the child(ren) shall be responsible for transportation.

Change of Residence

Each parent shall keep the other parent notified of any change in address, phone number, email address or other forms of electronic communication, which the parents and/or child(ren) use to communicate. A minimum of 30 days notice shall be given to the other parent prior to any change of address

Each parent shall submit to the court a Notice of Intent to Relocate at least 30 days prior to any change of residence. Such notice shall provide the court with the anticipated new address, the effective date of the move and the last known address of the other parent.

Access to Records

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

any school, health or agency records or reports that are related to the children;
any child day care center the child(ren) attends; and
any student activity in which the child(ren) participate.

Other Provisions

Each parent shall have the child(ren) ready for pickup at the start and conclusion of all parenting time. The child(ren) and the residential parent have no duty to wait for the other parent for more than 30 minutes after the agreed parenting time. A parent more than 30 minutes late shall forfeit that parenting time, unless the residential parent otherwise agrees.

Neither parent shall interfere with phone, mail, email or other forms of electronic communication between the child(ren) and the other parent.

Scheduled parenting time shall not be delayed or denied because the child(ren) have other scheduled activities. The parents shall discuss such activities in advance, so that the child(ren) are not unreasonably deprived of activities.

Parents are encouraged to cooperate and communicate with one another before enrolling the child(ren) in extracurricular activities. Unless otherwise agreed, the parent enrolling the child in the activity shall bear the cost of the activity.

This is the minimum order of parenting time. The non-residential parent is entitled to any other parenting time as the parties may agree.