

STANDARD VISITATION SCHEDULE

It is the intention of the Court to provide frequent, liberal, and recurring visitation to the non-custodial parent as the child(ren) need regular contact with both parents and such visitation is in their best interest. This Standard Visitation Schedule is meant to provide such visitation in a clear, specific way that prevents disagreements. However, this schedule may not work well in all situations, such as when the parties do not live within a reasonable travel distance from each other. Accordingly, the Court will deviate from this standard visitation schedule whenever it is in the best interests of the child(ren) to do so.

The parties are strongly encouraged to attempt to agree on a schedule that meets the best interests of their child(ren) and which provides meaningful and liberal time with both parents. If the parties agree to a different schedule that they believe will be in the child(ren)'s best interests, the Court will strongly consider following the parties' agreement.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

As used in this Standard Visitation Schedule, the term "custodial parent" means the parent who has been awarded primary physical custody or who has the minor child the majority of the time. The "non-custodial parent" is the parent who has not been awarded primary physical custody.

Where there is a conflict between different classifications of visitations, the following priority system will control:

- a. When a child's birthday and any other visitation conflict, the birthday shall have precedence.
- b. When a specific holiday and an alternate weekend conflict, the holiday visitation will have precedence over the weekend, but will not otherwise modify the visitation schedule. (For example, if the holiday granted in any particular year to a non-custodial parent falls between the regular weekend visitation, the non-custodial parent will have visitation for three (3) weekends in a row.)
- c. Holiday visitation (for either parent) will take precedence over summer visitation periods but will not otherwise modify the visitation schedule.
- d. When the parents can agree upon alternate visitation to that set forth in the scheduled visitation, such alternate visitation will take precedence only for so long as the parents continue to agree upon the alternate visitation.
- e. Whenever a school holiday period is referred to herein, it means the child's actual holiday or vacation period if the child is in school. If the child is not in school, the period will be the school vacation or holiday period as used by the elementary schools in the school system where the child resides with the custodial parent. Whenever possible the vacation period shall begin on Friday if the period is consecutive.

ALTERNATE WEEKENDS

The non-custodial parent shall have visitation on those weekends in which Friday is an even-numbered date, beginning at 6 P.M. on Friday and ending 6 P.M. on Sunday, unless the following Monday is a holiday (not set forth below) in which case the visitation shall not end until 6 P.M. on Monday or unless there is no school on Friday in which case the visitation shall begin on Thursday at 6 P.M.

At the election of the non-custodial parent, the weekend may begin after school on Friday (or Thursday if there is no school on Friday) instead of 6 P.M. Thus, the non-custodial parent may choose to pick the child(ren) up from school for weekend visitation.

SUMMER VISITATION

The non-custodial parent shall have continuous visitation during the summer vacation period, subject to alternate weekend visitation by the custodial parent, beginning on the first Sunday after the school vacation begins (or would begin if the child is not in school) at 6 P.M. and continuing until 6 P.M. on the Thursday the week before school begins.

The custodial parent shall have visitation during the summer according to the alternate weekend schedule set forth above, meaning on those weekends in which Friday is an even-numbered date, and the alternate holiday schedule set forth below. Because there is no school on Fridays during the summer, visitation shall begin on Thursday at 6 P.M.

In addition, in every odd-numbered year, the custodial parent shall have two weeks of uninterrupted time during the summer break to accommodate such things as a family vacation. The custodial parent shall provide written notice to the non-custodial parent by May 1 of each odd-numbered year of their plan to exercise these two weeks.

ALTERNATE HOLIDAYS

The non-custodial parent shall have the following holidays in EVEN YEARS:

- a. First half of the Christmas vacation beginning after school on the last day school is in session through 6 P.M. mid-way through the Christmas vacation.
- b. Easter/Spring Break (to coincide with the longer of the vacation periods if there are two separate vacation periods) school vacation period beginning after school on the last day school is in session until 6 P.M. on the last day of the vacation period.
- c. Labor Day Weekend beginning after school on the last day school is in session until the end of the holiday weekend at 6 P.M.
- d. Child's Birthday from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M if the minor child is not in school or from after school until 7 P.M. if the minor child is in school. Each parent shall have the same hours on their respective birthdays.

The non-custodial parent shall have the following holidays in ODD YEARS:

- a. Second half of the Christmas vacation beginning at 6 P.M. mid-way through the Christmas vacation until 6 P.M. the last day of the school vacation.
- b. 4th of July beginning at 6 P.M. on July 3rd through 6 P.M. on July 5th, except when the 4th falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, in which case the visitation will begin at 6 P.M. on Friday and continue to the end of the weekend at 6 P.M. or the end of the holiday. When the 4th is on a Monday, the holiday ends at 6 P.M. on Monday.
- c. Thanksgiving beginning after school on the last day school is in session until 6 P.M. the last day of the school vacation.
- d. Memorial Day Weekend beginning after school on the last day school is in session until the end of the holiday at 6 P.M.
- e. The mother shall always have Mother's Day Weekend and the father shall have Father's Day Weekend from Friday after school or 6 P.M., whichever is earlier, until Sunday at 6 P.M.

The custodial parent shall have the same holiday schedule as set forth above with the odd and even years reversed.

If the minor child is not yet school-age, then the exchanges shall take place at 6 P.M. instead of after school.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS

It is the intention of the Court that the costs of visitation will generally be borne equally by both parents. The non-custodial parent shall pay for the cost of bringing the child to their residence for visitation. The custodial parent shall pay for the cost of returning the child to their residence after visits with the non-custodial parent.