

**STARK COUNTY FAMILY COURT
PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE #1**

PARENT 1: _____ **PARENT 2:** _____

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §3109.04, the Court must consider the best interest of the child when establishing a parenting order. The Court further finds that as it is generally in the best interest of the child(ren) to enjoy a continued meaningful relationship and companionship with both parents on a consistent and frequent basis, *the presumption is that parents should share the time equally.*

No specific schedule will satisfy the change in needs of both children and parents over the years. Critical to the success of any schedule is that each parent be flexible, based upon the changing needs of the child(ren), as the child(ren) grows older. This parenting schedule takes into account the changing developmental needs of the child(ren). This parenting schedule represents the minimum requirements for parenting time. It is each parent’s responsibility to tailor this schedule as necessary to meet the best interest of their child(ren). It is the affirmative duty of the parent exercising physical custody of the child(ren) to make certain that the child(ren) goes for all parenting time periods with the other parent. It is recognized that each situation and each child is different. Liberal parenting time arrangements are encouraged, as contact with both parents is important to the child(ren).

Parenting time between the child(ren) and parents may take place at such times as the parties may agree, however, absent agreement of the parties to the contrary, each parent shall follow these requirements.

I. Standard Parenting Order

A. Infant – up to Age 2

Unless otherwise agreed or the court order states otherwise, Parent 1 is the parent designated as the residential parent. Parent 2 is the non-residential parent and may spend at a minimum two mid-week visits and alternating weekends, Saturday morning to Sunday evening. If the parents cannot agree as to the days and times, the following schedule shall be followed:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1
		Parent 2 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		Parent 2 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		Parent 2 10:00 am
		Parent 1		Parent 1		
Parent 2	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1
		Parent 2 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		Parent 2 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		

Parent 1 6:00 pm		Parent 1		Parent 1		
Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1
		Parent 2 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		Parent 2 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		Parent 2 10:00 am
		Parent 1		Parent 1		
Parent 2	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1
		Parent 2 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		Parent 2 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		
Parent 1 6:00 pm		Parent 1		Parent 1		

B. Children: Age 2 – up to Age 13

Beginning at the age of 2, the parents shall share equal parenting time, unless there are clearly defined special circumstances that would prevent them from doing so. Each parent is considered the residential parent when the child is with them, unless the court order states otherwise. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the following 2-2-5-5 schedule shall be followed:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 1
	Parent 1 4:00 pm*		Parent 2 4:00 pm*		Parent 1 4:00 pm*	
Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 2
			Parent 2 4:00 pm*			
Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 1
	Parent 1 4:00 pm*		Parent 2 4:00 pm*		Parent 1 4:00 pm*	
Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 2

			Parent 2 4:00 pm*			
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* *Pick up time will be 4:00 pm if there is no school, if there is school then pick up time shall be after school **

C. Teenager: Age 13 – 18

Unless otherwise agreed, parties may continue to use the above 2-2-5-5 schedule or may follow a week-on, week-off schedule with exchange times being 6:00 pm every Friday. The schedule used shall be used with the following considerations:

1. Parents are urged to understand a child’s normal social development during these sensitive years, when the teenager normally spends less time with either parent.
2. In exercising parenting time with a teenager, parents shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate a teenager’s participation in the teenager’s academic, athletic, extracurricular, and social activities.

D. Summer Schedule

During summer break from school, unless otherwise agreed, parents shall follow the standard parenting schedule.

Each parent is responsible for any daycare, babysitting or supervision expenses during the exercise of their extended summer companionship, unless parents have already arranged, and agreed upon, daycare, babysitting, or supervisory providers. Any parent taking a vacation with the child(ren) shall do so during their week of companionship.

Summer school necessary for the child(ren) to pass to the next grade, or as recommended by the appropriate school official, must be attended, and official notice of such requirement must be shared between the parents. In the event a parent elects to exercise their companionship time during summer school, they shall be responsible to make sure that the child(ren) attends summer school as necessary.

Each parent shall make their best efforts to get the child(ren) to scheduled activities during summer parenting time.

E. Summer Vacations

Each party shall be entitled to three (3) weeks of summer vacation parenting time during the summer, unless otherwise agreed. Each party shall be entitled to have two (2) of the three (3) weeks of vacation as uninterrupted vacation time. Each party shall give the other not less than sixty (60) days advance written notice of their intent to vacation. In even-numbered years,

Parent 1 shall have the first choice and shall choose his/her two (2) week uninterrupted parenting time by advising Parent 2 of that time period on or before May 1 of that year. In odd-numbered years, Parent 2 shall have the first choice and shall choose his/her two (2) week uninterrupted parenting time by advising Parent 1 of that time period on or before May 1 of that year. Neither parent shall have more than a two (2) week, or fourteen (14) day, period of uninterrupted parenting time during the summer without the consent of the other parent.

Each party shall exercise their vacation time in a manner that creates the least interference with the other party's parenting time. Each party shall be entitled to two (2) periods of vacation flex time which may be attached to the beginning or end of any declared vacation dates. Vacations flex days shall be taken in three (3) consecutive days. Flex days must be taken together. No make-up time shall be given to the other parent for the utilization of flex days. Three (3) days flex time shall only be utilized for out of state vacations of seven (7) days or greater duration and only during the summer vacation unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. Each party shall provide a written thirty (30) day notice prior to vacation along with an itinerary and contact information to the other party.

Each parent must provide the other parent with written notification of the destination, times of arrival, departure, and method of travel if the vacation will be outside the parent's state of residence or if the travel will be for greater than twenty-four (24) hours.

Each parent shall get the child(ren) to scheduled activities during summer vacation time.

F. Days of Special Meaning and Holiday Parenting Time

Any days of special meaning, such as religious holidays, not mentioned below should be discussed and written into the court order.

Mother's Day and Father's Day: Unless otherwise specifically agreed upon or ordered by the Court, Mother's Day and Father's Day shall be spent with the appropriate parent. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the time shall be from 9:00AM to 8:00PM. The child(ren) shall spend the rest of the weekend with the parent who would otherwise be entitled to companionship that weekend under these rules.

Child(ren)'s Birthday: The child(ren)'s birthday shall be spent with the Parent 1 in even-numbered years and Parent 2 in odd-numbered years. Unless otherwise agreed, the parenting time shall be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for a child(ren) not in school on his/her birthday and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a child(ren) in school on his/her birthday. The other parent can celebrate on another date. The child(ren)'s birthday is to be spent with the designated parent, even if the other parent is entitled to weekend, midweek, holiday, or vacation with the child(ren). Siblings shall be permitted to participate if the exercising parent desires.

Holiday Parenting Time: Parents are encouraged to modify holiday parenting time by agreement to reflect the customs and traditions of their family. Parents who want to change the

agreement for a holiday must do so at least one week in advance in order to observe family or religious traditions. If not changed by agreement, holiday times are as follows:

Martin Luther King Day

As agreed, or **Sunday at 6:00 p.m.**
Ending time- **Monday at 6:00 p.m.**

Parent 1 (Even years)
Parent 2 (Odd years)

President's Day

As agreed, or **Sunday at 6:00 p.m.**
Ending time- **Monday at 6:00 p.m.**

Parent 1 (Even years)
Parent 2 (Odd years)

Spring Break

As agreed, or **6 p.m. on the last day of school**
Ending time- **6 p.m. on the night before school resumes**

Parent 1 (Odd years)
Parent 2 (Even years)

Easter

As agreed, or **Saturday at 6:00 p.m.**
Ending time- **Sunday at 6:00 p.m.**

Parent 1 (Odd years)
Parent 2 (Even years)

Memorial Day

As agreed, or **Sunday at 6 p.m.**
Ending time- **Monday at 6 p.m.**

Parent 1 (Even years)
Parent 2 (Odd years)

Labor Day

As agreed, or **Sunday at 6 p.m.**
Ending time- **Monday at 6 p.m.**

Parent 1 (Odd years)
Parent 2 (Even years)

Columbus Day/ Indigenous Persons Day:

As agreed, or **Sunday at 6 p.m.**
Ending time- **Monday at 6 p.m.**

Parent 1 (Even years)
Parent 2 (Odd years)

Thanksgiving Day

As agreed, or **6 p.m. on the last day of school**
Ending time- **Friday at 12:00 p.m.**

Parent 1 (Even years)
Parent 2 (Odd years)

Thanksgiving Weekend

As agreed, or **Friday at 12:00 p.m.**
Ending time- **6 p.m. on the night school before resumes**

Parent 1 (Odd years)
Parent 2 (Even years)

Christmas Break

As agreed, or **6 p.m. on the last day of school**

Ending time- **1 p.m. Christmas Day**

Parent 1 (Odd years)

Parent 2 (Even years)

As agreed, or **1 p.m. Christmas Day**

Ending time- **1 p.m. New Year's Day**

Parent 1 (Even years)

Parent 2 (Odd years)

As agreed, or **1 p.m. New Year's Day**

Ending time- **6 p.m. the night before school resumes**

Parent 1 (Even years)

Parent 2 (Odd years)

II. Rules Governing Parenting Time

Parents are encouraged to work together to establish rules and guidelines that make the companionship beneficial for both parents and the child(ren). Unless otherwise agreed upon between the parents, the following Rules Governing Parenting Time shall apply:

A. Conflicting Schedules / Order of priority:

In the event that there exists any conflict between parenting time schedules, the following is the order of priority:

- First priority: Holidays and Days of Special Meaning;
- Second priority: Vacation periods or extended parenting times;
- Third priority: Weekends and mid-weeks (regular parenting times).

B. Exchanges and Transportation

The parent receiving the child(ren) for the parenting time is responsible for picking up and transporting the child(ren). The other parent is responsible for picking up and transporting the child(ren) at the conclusion of the visit. The child(ren) may be transported by any trusted adult with a valid driver's license and insurance, and with legal car restraints. Each parent must have their own legally appropriate car restraints.

Both parents shall transport and exchange all personal items and specialized equipment including, but not limited to, emotional security items (e.g favorite blanket, favorite toy, etc), specialized extracurricular equipment, uniforms, instruments, bicycles, etc. If the child is taking medication (prescription or non-prescription) upon the advice of a physician, the child(ren) shall be sent with sufficient medication to last the entire parenting time period and written instructions for the administration of the medication, and the name and telephone number of the physician or other appropriate medical care provider. Absent extraordinary circumstances, all prescribed medication shall be exchanged and given to the child(ren) as per the prescribing doctor's prescription.

C. Illness

It is expected that the parents will follow the parenting time schedule despite any illness of the child(ren), unless both parents agree that this would not be advisable due to the child(ren)'s condition.

Both parents should use common sense as to a sick child(ren) and be sensitive to the child(ren)'s needs. In the event that a child(ren) is ill, medications and instructions for special care shall travel with the child(ren). Each parent should notify the other, as soon as reasonably possible, of any diagnosis, injury or treatment, as well as the name, address and phone number of all treatment facilities and medical professionals involved.

Each parent shall promptly notify the other parent of a child(ren)'s illness prior to the exercise of parenting time. The Court does not expect parents to abuse the intent of this Rule and interfere with either parent's time with the child(ren).

D. Telephone, Computer, and/or Other Methods of Electronic Communication

Each parent shall have reasonable communication with the child(ren) during the other parent's parenting time, not to exceed once a day between the hours of 9am and 8pm. If a parent attempts to reach the child(ren) via a phone call and the child(ren) is/are not available, the child(ren) should return the telephone call as soon as practical.

Each parent shall encourage free communication between the child(ren) and the other parent, and shall not do anything to impede or restrict reasonable communication by telephone, mail, e-mail, or other electronic communication between the child(ren) and the other parent, whether initiated by the child(ren) or the other parent. Parents need to be aware that older children and teens text rather than having telephone conversations. Any mail or e-mail between the child(ren) and either parent shall be strictly confidential and shall not be opened or read by the other parent.

Each parent shall keep the other parent informed of a telephone number where the child(ren) can be reached.

E. Child(ren)'s Extracurricular Activities

A parent should not enroll the child(ren) in extracurricular activities that will unreasonably interfere with the other parent's parenting time. Both parents shall make best efforts to transport the child(ren) to all activities. Parents need to realize the significance of these activities in their child(ren)'s lives, and flexibility is encouraged. It is the responsibility of the parents to discuss the child(ren)'s extracurricular activities in advance, including times, dates and transportation needs, so that the child(ren) are not deprived of activities and maintaining friends. Each parent shall

provide the other with copies of any written material (i.e. activity schedules, maps, instructions) that are distributed in connection with the child(ren)'s activities. The parent who has the child(ren) during the time of scheduled activities is responsible for transportation, attendance and other arrangements. Both parents are encouraged to attend all of their child(ren)'s activities.

F. School issues and Information

Each parent must provide time for the child(ren) to study and complete homework assignments, papers or other school-assigned projects, even if the completion of this work interferes with the parent's plans with the child(ren).

Each parent shall be responsible to obtain their own copies of grade reports, disciplinary notices and/or communications, including information regarding school pictures. Each parent is responsible to set up his or her own online access to school records and information, if available. Both parents are encouraged to participate in parent-teacher conferences, school trips, school programs and other school events in which parents are invited to participate.

G. Relocation

The relocating party shall file a notice of intent to relocate with the Court in advance of the move pursuant to the following timeline:

- 30 day notice if the move shall be within Stark County
- 60 day notice if the move shall be in the State of Ohio, but out of Stark County
- 90 day notice if the move shall be out of the State of Ohio

The non-relocating parent may file a written responsive pleading to the relocation notice within fourteen (14) days of service to address reallocation of parenting time.

H. Records Access

Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by court order, and subject to statutory restrictions on files maintained by the Child Support Enforcement Agency and files maintained by any Education Institution when the non-residential parent is involved in a domestic violence situation, each parent is entitled to access under the same terms and conditions as the other parent to any record that is related to the child(ren) and to which either is legally provided access, including school records and medical records.

NOTICE TO KEEPER OF RECORDS: Any keeper of a record who knowingly fails to comply with this order or with Ohio Revised Code §3109.051 is in Contempt of Court.

I. Day Care Center Access

Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by court order, and in accordance with statutory requirements of operating a daycare, each parent is entitled to equal access to any day care center, during his/her parenting time, that is or will be attended by the child(ren).

J. School Activities Notice

Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by the court order, and subject to Ohio law pertaining to the privacy of domestic violence victims or family members, each parent is entitled to access, under the same terms and conditions as the other parent to any student activity that is related to the child(ren).

Subject to Ohio law pertaining to the privacy of domestic violence victims or family members, each parent shall have access to any student activity involving the child(ren) under the same terms and conditions that access is provided to the other parent.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES: Any school official or employee who knowingly fails to comply with this order or with Ohio Revised Code §3109.051 (J) is in Contempt of Court.

K. IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the parties abide by these orders in the best interest of the child(ren). Failure of either party to abide by these orders could result in a finding of contempt.