

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
52ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
HURON COUNTY

REASONABLE PARENTING TIME

The Circuit Court defines reasonable parenting time as follows:

Alternate weekends from Friday evening at 6:00 P.M.  
until Sunday evening at 6:00 P.M.

Child or children should have evening meal  
prior to pick up or return from parenting time,  
unless other arrangements have been made

Alternate holidays from 9:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

The following shall be considered holidays  
for parenting time purposes:

New Year's Day; Easter Sunday; Memorial  
Day; Fourth of July; Labor Day; Thanksgiving  
Day; Christmas Day

One-half of the Christmas Holiday break from school and  
one-half of the Spring break from school, alternating first  
and second half each year. The party not having Christmas  
Day parenting time shall have Christmas Eve parenting time.


Four weeks during the summer vacation from school

Special consideration should be given when parenting time  
involves infants or children needing special attention

In the event of a dispute, parenting time shall be set in accordance  
with the Friend of the Court Parenting Time Schedule currently  
in effect.

APPROVAL

The above definition of Reasonable Parenting Time is approved:

  
Circuit Court Judge

Dated: May 15, 1997

## **HURON COUNTY PARENTING TIME POLICY**

### **WHEN PARTIES LIVE WITHIN 150 MILES FROM EACH OTHER**

1. The noncustodial 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 following holiday schedule takes precedence over any other visitation schedule:

In even numbered years, the plaintiff shall have the minor child(ren) on the following holidays: Easter Sunday, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve.

In even numbered years, the defendant shall have the minor child(ren) on the following holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Christmas Day, and child(ren)'s birthday(s).

In odd numbered years, the plaintiff shall have the minor child(ren) on the following holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Christmas Day, and child(ren)'s birthday(s).

In odd numbered years, the defendant shall have the minor child(ren) on the following holidays: Easter Sunday, fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve.

#### **Hours for holidays not included in vacation breaks are as follows:**

Easter Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. on Monday

\*Memorial Day - 6:00 p.m. on Friday to 6:00 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 holiday with extended weekend will be entitled to have the child(ren) the prior weekend regardless of the alternating schedule outlined in paragraph one.

Christmas Eve - December 23 at 6:00 p.m. to December 24 at 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - December 24 at 10:00 p.m. to December 25 at 9:00 p.m.

Mother's Day - each year the Mother shall have the child(ren) on Mother's Day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Father's Day - each year the Father shall have the child(ren) on Father's Day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Child(ren)'s birthday(s) - Birthday visitation 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 8:30 p.m. If a child's birthday falls on a holiday (designated above), the holiday takes precedence over the birthday.

### 3. Periods of Extended Parenting Time

#### **Summer**

The noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) for two fourteen-day periods in the summer which must be nonconsecutive. The dates for each period shall be chosen by the noncustodial 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. If proper notification is not given, the noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) commencing the 2nd Friday of July at 6:00 p.m. and ending two weeks later on Friday at 6:00 p.m., commencing the 2nd Friday of August at 6:00 p.m. and ending two weeks later on Friday at 6:00 p.m. The custodial parent's alternate weekends with the child(ren) are suspended during the noncustodial parent's parenting time but the custodial parent shall be entitled to have the child(ren) the weekend following the end of the noncustodial extended parenting time period regardless of the alternating schedule.

The custodial parent shall be entitled to fourteen consecutive days during the summer, excluding the noncustodial parent's parenting time periods. The custodial parent must give written notification to the Friend of the Court and the noncustodial parent of the chosen dates at least two weeks in advance (but no sooner than May 2nd). Alternate weekend parenting time for the noncustodial parent is suspended during the custodial parents fourteen day parenting time period.

#### **Christmas School Vacation**

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 schedule is suspended during this vacation.

In even numbered years, the plaintiff shall have the minor child(ren) the first portion of the Christmas school vacation until December 24 at 10:00 p.m. and the defendant shall have the minor child(ren) the second portion.

In odd numbered years, the defendant shall have the minor child(ren) the first portion of the Christmas school vacation until December 24 at 10:00 p.m. and the plaintiff shall have the minor child(ren) the second portion.

If there are no school-age children, Christmas break shall begin on December 16 at 9:00 a.m. and shall end on January 1 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **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 schedule is suspended during this break.

In even numbered years, the plaintiff shall have the minor child(ren) during the Spring school break. In odd numbered years the defendant shall have the minor child(ren) during the Spring school break.

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.

**WHEN THE PARTIES LIVE OVER 150 MILES FROM EACH OTHER**

1. From September through May, the noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) the second weekend of every month from 5:00 p.m. on Friday until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
2. The noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) ~~shall have the minor child(ren)~~ for six consecutive weeks in the summer. The dates shall be chosen by the noncustodial 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. If proper notification is not given, the noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) for six consecutive weeks beginning the first full week of July.
3. The noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) for Thanksgiving in **even** numbered years, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday and ending at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
4. Christmas School Vacation

Christmas school vacation is defined as 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 4:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

In even numbered years, the noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) for the first portion of the Christmas school vacation until December 24 at 9:00 p.m.

In odd numbered years, the noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) for the second portion of the Christmas school vacation commencing December 24 at 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 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 4:00 p.m.

5. Spring School Break

Spring school break is defined as 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 4:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

In odd numbered years, the noncustodial parent shall have the minor child(ren) during the Spring school break.

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 4:00 p.m.

### TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the responsibility of the noncustodial parent except for the following:

Parties who live over 150 miles from each other will equally share transportation when the child(ren) have moved from Huron County. If the parties cannot agree on how to divide the responsibility, the noncustodial 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 transporting the child(ren) at the end of the period. To determine if the distance requirement has been met, the Friend of the Court will use a 150-mile radius, starting at the Huron 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. The noncustodial parent must give at least 24 hours notice to the custodial parent of any inability to exercise parenting time.
3. Summer school necessary for the child(ren) to pass to the next grade must be attended. The custodial parent must obtain written verification from the school regarding the necessity of summer enrollment.
4. A general itinerary and emergency telephone number will be provided to the other parent if an out-of-town vacation is planned.
5. If there are school-age and non-school age children, then the younger child(ren) shall 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 noncustodial parent's parenting time, who may pick up and return the child pursuant to the parenting time schedule, and what child-related activities the noncustodial parent cannot engage in during parenting time (such as hair-cutting, ear-piercing, unauthorized non-emergency medical treatment, etc.).