

**APPENDIX C**  
**PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE**  
**HURON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT**

(For Long Distance Travel - Over 150 Miles One Way)

**GENERAL GUIDELINES REGARDING VISITATION AND COMPANIONSHIP**

A. Visitation may take place at any times and places that the parents may agree.

B. Visitation does not include picking up the children and leaving them with someone else while the visiting parent pursues their own recreation which excludes the children; children should not be taken into bars for an extended period of time and neither parent shall consume alcohol to excess during custody or visitations. Violations shall be deemed to be cause for curtailment of visitation and/or change of custody and/or subjecting the offending parent to contempt.

C. In the event that the parents are unable to reach an agreement regarding transportation, the non-residential parent shall provide transportation at the commencement of the period and the residential parent shall provide transportation at the termination of the period.

D. The residential parent shall send with the children on visitation, sufficient clothing and outerwear appropriate to the season to last the period of the visitation. Continued violations of this requirement shall be subject to contempt. Child(ren)'s clothing, toys and other personal effects shall be returned at the end of the parenting time period.

E. The non-residential parent shall have frequent and on going telephone, regular mail or e-mail contact with the child(ren). The non-residential parent shall utilize this time in a reasonable fashion. If unable to agree, non-residential parent shall be permitted two weekly contacts by telephone or other direct contemporaneous electronic communication. E-mail and regular mail contact should be encouraged.

The policy of the following time allocations is to provide a schedule which is best suited for the particular age of that child(ren). When a family has children in more than one age group, the parents should adapt the schedule to fit the needs of each child.

When children are in different age groups the following guidelines should be observed if no harm would occur to the children: a.) if the children are in two age groups, the guidelines for the older group should apply, b.) if the children are in three or more age groups, the guidelines for the middle group should apply.

If parties are unable to agree, the following parenting time schedule applies:

1. For the Non-residential parent:

A. Christmas school vacation in the even numbered years or up to five days for preschoolers with no school-aged siblings.

- B. Easter school vacation in the odd numbered years or up to five days for preschoolers with no school-aged siblings.
- C. One-half of the school summer vacation. Summer school necessary for the children to pass to the next grade must be attended. Must notify the residential parent as to the arrangements by May 1.
  - 1. The parties can determine which half they prefer.
  - 2. If the parties cannot agree, in the even numbered years, the first half of the summer vacation shall be spent at the non-residential home with the second half of the summer vacation at the residential home, and the opposite in the odd numbered years.
  - 3. Unless the parties agree otherwise, responsibility for transportation costs for summer and Easter or Christmas vacations shall be shared, with the non-residential parent paying the cost of transportation to begin the visitation, and the residential parent paying the cost of transportation for the return of the children at the end of the visitation.
  - 4. There will be a 50% decrease of support during the entire visitation period if the visitation is more than two weeks unless the parties agree otherwise. There will be no decrease of support if visitation is two weeks or less. This must be written into the Order of Court and notice to the Child Support Enforcement Agency must be given each time by affidavit no later than thirty days after child returns to residential parent's home.
  - 5. Children and residential parent must be allowed to communicate by telephone once a week. Calling party shall bear the expense, and should alternate.
  - 6. A general itinerary should be provided the residential parent if any part of the vacation will be spent away from the non-residential parent's home.
- D. Additional Visitation
  - 1. The residential parent shall be notified at least two days in advance of any time the non-residential parent will be in the area and is desirous of a visitation period.
  - 2. A once-a-month weekend visit to the non-residential home will be permitted if the time the child is traveling does not exceed three hours one way.
    - a. The residential parent must be notified at least one week in advance.

- b. The transportation cost shall be the responsibility of the non-residential parent.
  - c. Father's Day or Mother's Day can always be spent with the appropriate parent.
- 2. For residential Parent:
  - A. Christmas vacation in the odd numbered years.
  - B. Easter vacation in the even numbered years.
  - C. One-half of the summer vacation. This parent shall notify the non-residential parent by March 15 of when the summer vacation begins.
  - D. Additional Visitation
    - 1. If given at least a two day notice, this parent shall give visitation to the non-residential parent when visiting in the area.
    - 2. If given a one week notice, this parent shall give visitation to the non-residential parent once a month if the travel time does not exceed three hours one way.

NOTE: Sufficient clothing and personal items must be sent with the children. This schedule can be changed or modified by the Court if need for such is shown.

(forms/Appendix C)