

STATE OF MICHIGAN 49 TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MECOSTA COUNTY	STANDARD PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE	400 ELM ST PO BOX 508 BIG RAPIDS MI 49307 231-592-0115
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- Father/Mother shall have parenting time on alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00pm until Sunday at 6:00pm during the school year beginning on Friday _____.** School year is defined as beginning at 6:00pm the day before school begins until 6:00pm the Friday of the week school recesses for summer break pursuant to the school calendar. For non-school age children, school year is defined as September 1 until June 1. School age is defined as beginning when the child commences kindergarten or September 1 following the child's 5th birthday for a child not enrolled in kindergarten or enrolled in virtual school or home schooled.
- Father/Mother shall have midweek parenting time each Wednesday during the school year from after school at school until 7:30pm picking up the child at school and dropping off the child at the other parent's residence.** (If the child does not have school or the child is home schooled, parenting time shall be from 3:30pm until 7:30pm picking up and dropping off the child at the other parent's residence). Father/Mother shall provide all mid-week transportation. The parent may choose to have the child utilize school bussing during this parenting time. After school is defined as parenting time commencing at school, on days that school is in session, and at the time that school is scheduled to be released on that day. Before school is defined as parenting time commencing at school, on days that school is in session, and at the time that school is scheduled to begin on that day. Included in this definition are half days, early release days, field trip days, early release snow days or any other days that school is in session. The definition excludes days that school has never been in session for that day including but not limited to holidays, teacher conference days and full snow days. If the child is not in attendance on a scheduled school day and the order states "after school at school", parenting time shall commence at the other parent's residence or other agreed meeting place at the time school is scheduled to be released on that day. If this order states "before school" and the child will not be in attendance or school is not scheduled on that day and it is a scheduled exchange day, parenting time shall commence at the residence of the parent who would have been responsible for transporting the child to school that day at the time school is scheduled to begin on that day or at 9:00am if there is no school scheduled that day. If an exchange is scheduled for after school at school or before school at school anywhere in this order, the parent making the decision to not have the child attend school on an exchange day/time is responsible for notifying the other parent that the child is not in attendance.
- The parties shall alternate the following holidays:**

HOLIDAY PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	STARTING TIME	ENDING TIME	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS
EASTER	6:00PM Saturday	8:00pm Easter	FATHER	MOTHER
MEMORIAL DAY	6:00pm Friday	6:00pm Memorial Day	MOTHER	FATHER
JULY 4 TH	6:00pm July 3rd	6:00pm July 5 th	FATHER	MOTHER
LABOR DAY	6:00pm Friday	6:00pm Labor Day	MOTHER	FATHER
THANKSGIVING	6:00pm Wednesday	6:00pm Sunday	FATHER	MOTHER
CHRISTMAS EVE DAY	8:00pm December 23	8:00pm December 24	MOTHER	FATHER
CHRISTMAS DAY	8:00pm December 24	8:00pm December 25	FATHER	MOTHER
MOTHER'S DAY	9:00am Sunday	8:00pm Sunday	MOTHER	MOTHER
FATHER'S DAY	9:00am Sunday	8:00pm Sunday	FATHER	FATHER

- Birthday Parenting Time: The parties shall alternate the children's birthdays beginning with Father/Mother in ____.** Birthday parenting time shall be from 9:00am until 6:00pm. If the child's Birthday falls on a school day, birthday parenting time shall be from after school until 8:00pm. Birthday parenting time takes precedence over all other parenting time except holiday parenting time. If the child's birthday falls on a holiday, the holiday takes precedence over the birthday. Birthday parenting time shall include all children of the case.

5. **The parties shall have parenting time by alternating the Spring Break each year beginning with Father/Mother having the Spring Break in _____.** Spring Break is defined as 6:00pm the day school recesses pursuant to the school calendar until 6:00pm the day before school is to resume pursuant to the school calendar. Days that school are not in full day session and coincide with Spring Break but are not officially designated as Spring Break on the school calendar shall be included in the definition of Spring Break. If there are no school age children or the child is home schooled, then Spring Break begins Easter Sunday at 8:00pm until the following Sunday at 8:00pm.
6. **The parties shall share parenting time during the summer break each year in alternating one-week blocks.** Mother/Father shall always have the first week of summer each year. Summer parenting time is defined as beginning at 6:00pm the Friday of the week school recesses for the summer break pursuant to the school calendar until 6:00pm the day before school resumes pursuant to the school calendar. If there are no school age children or the child is home schooled, summer parenting time is defined as beginning 6:00pm June 1 until 6:00pm September 1. School age is defined as beginning at the legal age of commencement of kindergarten through the age of completion of high school (or 18).
7. **The parties shall share parenting time during the Christmas Break each year by alternating the two portions of the Break as follows:**

CHRISTMAS BREAK	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS
FIRST PORTION	MOTHER	FATHER
SECOND PORTION	FATHER	MOTHER

Christmas Break is defined as 6:00pm the day school recesses pursuant to the school calendar until 6:00pm the day before school resumes pursuant to the school calendar. The parties are to count the total number of days inclusive in the defined break (not including the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays) and equally divide the break into two portions. One day is defined as 6:00pm that day until the following day at 6:00pm. If there are an odd number of days in the designated break, the mid-break exchange shall take place at 12:00pm on the day of the exchange. If there are no school age children or the child is home schooled, the Christmas Break is defined as December 16th at 6:00pm until January 1st at 6:00pm.

8. Alternate weekend and midweek parenting time is not exercised during the Spring Break, Christmas Break and summer vacations. The weekend parenting time schedule resumes following the designated break periods, using the same rotation as stated in the parenting time order. Holidays take precedence over regularly scheduled parenting times unless stated otherwise in the court order.
9. Unless stated otherwise in the court order, the parties shall share transportation for parenting time, with the parent whose parenting time is about to begin being responsible for picking up the child/ren at the address on record at the Friend of the Court Office of the other parent. If a party has a confidential address or uses a PO Box as a legal address on record at the Friend of the Court Office, that parent's corresponding child exchange location shall occur at the county sheriff's department in the county where the parent with the confidential address or PO Box resides unless the parties agree otherwise. If a parent has a PPO or a no contact order against the other parent, both parties shall utilize third party transportation and exchange the child at the county sheriff's department in the corresponding county the parent resides in unless the parties agree otherwise. Either parent may designate a third party who is a licensed driver, 18 years of age or older and with whom the child/ren is familiar, to provide transportation for any parenting time.
10. Parties are allowed a fifteen minute grace period for parenting time exchanges in unexpected circumstances. The parent may appear as late as 15 minutes after the designated time.
11. If there are multiple children under the court order, Christmas, Spring and Summer break shall be defined pursuant to the school schedule for the oldest child in school.
12. The parties shall be allowed reasonable phone, e-mail and social media contact while the child is at the residence of the other parent.
13. Father/Mother shall notify the other parent within a reasonable time prior to the start of any scheduled parenting time, if he/she will be unable to exercise scheduled parenting time. Upon written notification to the Friend of the Court Office of three consecutive no shows without notification, the Friend of the Court Office may initiate enforcement regarding the alleged violation.

14. Each party shall be responsible for obtaining a school schedule for themselves. Each party is further responsible for obtaining school records and medical records for themselves. Both parties shall administer prescribed medications as directed by the child(ren)s physician during parenting time.
15. Denial of parenting time and violation of a parenting time provision: All alleged denials of parenting time and alleged denials of parenting time provisions must be reported, in writing, to the Friend of the Court Office within 56 days of when the alleged allegation took place. You must appear at the pickup location at the court ordered time to claim denial of parenting time. The Friend of the Court will provide written notification to the parties on how to proceed with each specific allegation of violation.
16. The child shall attend the _____ school district unless otherwise agreed by the parties or ordered by the court.

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