

Hamilton County Juvenile Court Standard Parenting Time Schedule

If shared parenting is not in a child's best interest, one parent will be designated the sole residential parent and legal custodian. The other parent is not a legal custodian or residential parent, but does have the right to see and spend time with the child pursuant to a parenting schedule.

Critical to the success of any parenting time schedule is flexibility and the absence of conflict between the parties. Studies support that regular and consistent contact between a child and both parents – free of conflict – is important to the health, growth, and development of a child. Essential to the success of a parenting time schedule is the parties' willingness to be flexible, cooperative, and respectful of the changing needs of a child as they develop.

This Court recognizes that each situation is different, and each child is different. It is preferred that parents tailor the parenting schedule to meet the specific needs of their child(ren).

This schedule has been designed to take into consideration the changes and needs of children as they develop, as well as family dynamics. When a child is very young, or there has been extended time without regular contact, frequent but shorter periods of parenting time are necessary to prepare a child for the transition to longer periods of parenting time. As children develop and bonds are enhanced, extended periods of parenting time become more appropriate. In any case, consistency in parenting time is helpful for both parents and the child(ren).

Although parents may consider a child's wishes and concerns in determining parenting schedules, this should not be the controlling factor. If a child indicates strong opposition to being with the other parent, both parents are responsible for encouraging the child to have a positive relationship with both parents. The parents must work together to alleviate these issues without confrontation or argument. If they cannot resolve the problem, the parents should seek the assistance of a counselor or other professional. It is the duty of each parent to foster an environment that avoids such problems and makes certain the child(ren) has a healthy ongoing relationship with both parents.

If parents are unable to agree on a parenting schedule, this Court will decide what is best for their child(ren). A Court-imposed parenting schedule is not a judgment by this Court that one parent is better than the other. It is based solely on what is best for the child(ren) in the current circumstances.

A. General Considerations

For purposes of this order, _____ shall be designated Parent 1, and _____ shall be designated as Parent 2.

Parties with children in more than one age group should agree to adapt the schedule to best suit the needs of the children.

B. Regular Parenting Schedule By Age

Birth to 6 Months:

Parent 2 shall have parenting time three days each week: Tuesdays from 4P-7P, Thursdays from 4P-7P, and Sundays from 1P-5P.

Parent 1 shall have all other regular parenting time.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Parent 1	Parent 2 4P-7P	Parent 1	Parent 2 4P-7P	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 2 12P-4P
Parent 1	Parent 2 4P-7P	Parent 1	Parent 2 4P-7P	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 2 12P-4P

Each parent shall pick up the minor child(ren) from the other parent's home at the beginning of their respective parenting times. If the parties do not agree to exchange the child(ren) at each other's homes, all exchanges of the minor child(ren) shall occur at a neutral third party location (daycare, gas station, or grocery store, for example).

Six Months to 2 Years:

Parent 2 shall have non-overnight parenting time two days each week: Tuesdays from 4P-7P and Thursdays from 4P-7P. Parent 2 shall also have one overnight each week: Saturday at 4PM until Sunday at 4PM.

Parent 1 shall have all other regular parenting time.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Parent 1	Parent 2 4P-7P	Parent 1	Parent 2 4P-7P	Parent 1	Parent 2 at 4P	Parent 2 until 4P
Parent 1	Parent 2 4P-7P	Parent 1	Parent 2 4P-7P	Parent 1	Parent 2 at 4P	Parent 2 until 4P

Each parent shall pick up the minor child(ren) from the other parent's home at the beginning of their respective parenting times. If the parties do not agree to exchange the child(ren) at each other's homes, all exchanges of the minor child(ren) shall occur at a neutral third party location (daycare, gas station, or grocery store, for example).

Each parent is entitled to two (2) weeks of extended parenting time (vacation) each calendar year. Extended time may be taken in increments of up to eight (8) days. Extended time must be exercised in accordance with Section C below.

2 Years to 18 Years

Parents 1 and 2 shall exercise an equal parenting time (50/50) schedule. Parent 1 shall have regular parenting time every Monday at 9AM until Wednesday at 9AM. Parent 2 shall have regular parenting time every Wednesday at 9AM until Friday at 9AM. The parents will alternate weekends from Friday at 9AM until Monday at 9AM. Specific exchange times for each day may need modified based on the child's school schedule or the needs of either parent.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 1
Parent 1	Parent 1	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 2	Parent 2

Each parent shall pick up the minor child(ren) from the other parent's home at the beginning of their respective parenting times. If the parties do not agree to exchange the child(ren) at each other's homes, all exchanges of the minor child(ren) shall occur at a neutral third party location (daycare, school, gas station, or grocery store, for example).

Each parent is entitled to three (3) weeks of extended parenting time (vacation) each calendar year. Extended time may be taken in increments of up to eight (8) days until the child(ren) reaches 6 years old. At age 6, extended time may be taken in increments of up to two (2) weeks. Extended time shall be exercised during the summer, the child's winter break or spring break, or other appropriate times that do not interfere with the child's school schedule, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. Extended time must be exercised in accordance with Section C below.

C. Use of Extended Time

Parties are entitled to annual extended parenting time with the child(ren) to be used during breaks from school (in accordance with Section B above). Extended time may not be tacked on to the parent's regular parenting schedule, and shall not be used in any malicious manner to eliminate or undermine the other parent's parenting time. Neither parent may remove the child(ren) from school to exercise extended parenting time, unless otherwise agreed by both parents.

The vacationing parent must notify the other parent via email or text message at least thirty (30) days in advance of the first day of their proposed vacation time. A parent must only give NOTICE of extended parenting time; a parent does not REQUEST or ASK PERMISSION for use of extended parenting time. If both parents wish to exercise the same date(s) for extended parenting time, the parent who first properly notified the other, via email or text message, is granted the extended parenting time.

If either parent intends to leave Cincinnati's Tristate Area during their extended time, the parent shall provide the other parent with the following information regarding travel plans at least one week prior to departure: destination, accommodations/where the child(ren) will be staying, method of travel (including flight information), and contact information where the child(ren) can be reached.

All expenses incurred on vacation (except emergency medical expenses of the child(ren)) are the responsibility of the vacationing parent.

D. Holiday Parenting Time

Holidays with each parent shall be shared by agreement of the parents. In the event the parents are unable to agree as to holidays, they shall adopt the Juvenile Court Standard Holiday Schedule. The Juvenile Court Standard Holiday Schedule is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

HOLIDAY	EVEN YEAR	ODD YEAR	SCHEDULE
New Year's Day*	Parent 2	Parent 1	12/31 7PM to 1/1 7PM
Martin Luther King Day	Parent 1	Parent 2	Sun 7P to Mon 7P
President's Day	Parent 2	Parent 1	Sun 7P to Mon 7P
Easter	Parent 1	Parent 2	Sat 7P to Sun 7P
Memorial Day	Parent 2	Parent 1	Sun 7P to Mon 7P
Fourth of July	Parent 1	Parent 2	7/3 7P to 7/4 7P
Juneteenth	Parent 2	Parent 1	6/18 7P to 6/19 7P
Labor Day	Parent 1	Parent 2	Sun 7P to Mon 7P
Halloween**	Parent 2	Parent 1	10/31 4P-8:30P
Thanksgiving	Parent 2	Parent 1	Wed 5P to Fri 8P
Christmas Eve	Parent 2	Parent 1	12/3 12P to 12/24 8P
Christmas Day	Parent 1	Parent 2	12/24 8P to 12/25 8P
Kwanzaa	Parent 1	Parent 2	1 st night only; 4-8P
Rosh Hashanah Eve	Parent 2	Parent 1	Day of; 4-8P
Rosh Hashanah Day	Parent 1	Parent 2	Day of; 9A-8P
Yom Kippur Eve	Parent 1	Parent 2	Day of; 4-8P
Yom Kippur Day	Parent 2	Parent 1	Day of; 9A-8P
Passover	Parent 2	Parent 1	1 st night only; 4-8P
Hanukkah	Parent 1	Parent 2	1 st day 12P to 2 nd day 12P
Hanukkah	Parent 2	Parent 1	2 nd day 12P to 3 rd day 12P
Eid al-Fitr	Parent 1	Parent 2	Night prior 5P to day of 7P
Eid al-Adha	Parent 2	Parent 1	Night prior 5P to day of 7P
Mother's Day***	Mother	Mother	Day of; 10A-8P
Father's Day***	Father	Father	Day of; 10A-8P
Child's Birthday	Parent 1	Parent 2	10A (or right after school)-8P

*The year in which New Year's Day falls determines whether the holiday is in an even or odd numbered year.

**If Halloween occurs on different nights in each parent's neighborhood, the child may participate in both celebrations.

***If Parent 1 and Parent 2 are same sex, Parent 1 will have parenting time from 10A to 8P on Mother's Day/Father's Day (whichever applies) in odd numbered years, and Parent 2 will have parenting time from 10A to 8P in even numbered years.

Parents may celebrate additional days of special meaning in which the child(ren) should be permitted to participate. These days of special meaning include, but are not limited to, a parent's wedding, extended family birthday celebrations, anniversaries, funerals, religious holidays, and cultural holidays. Parents should discuss these special days as they arise, and cooperate to ensure the child(ren) are included in days of special meaning with either parent.

E. General Provisions

1. The residential parent shall not establish residence for the minor child(ren) outside the contiguous counties of Hamilton County, Ohio (i.e. Butler, Warren, Clermont, Kenton, Campbell) without a Court order or an agreement signed by both parties that is filed with the Court.
2. If either parent desires to relocate, the relocating parent must notify the Court of their intent to relocate and provide the Court with a new residence address promptly. Said notice shall be filed with Juvenile Court Clerk, who will forward a copy to the Clerk of Courts and the other parent, except as provided in Ohio Revised Code section 3109.051(G)(2)(3) and (4). Upon receipt of the Notice, the Court, on its own motion or the motion of the non-relocating parent, may schedule a hearing with notice to both parents to determine whether it is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) to revise the parenting schedule for the minor child(ren).
3. Each party shall keep the other notified of any change in contact information. Current information for each party is as follows:

Residential Parent Address: _____

Residential Parent Email: _____

Residential Parent Phone: _____

Non-Residential Parent Address: _____

Non-Residential Parent Email: _____

Non-Residential Parent Phone: _____

4. Makeup days shall be given if there is an emergency that prevents the child(ren), non-residential party, or residential party from visiting at the scheduled time. Makeup days shall also be given if the residential party denies parenting time without just cause. All makeup days shall be rescheduled and exercised within thirty (30) days.

5. Both parties are entitled to reasonable telephone contact with the child(ren) when they are with the other party. Reasonable contact is defined as one phone call per day. Phone communication shall not occur during the child(ren)'s school hours or after the child(ren)'s bedtime.
6. Both parties have the duty to immediately notify the other of any significant medical issues that arise with the child(ren) during their parenting time. Significant is defined as matters requiring medical intervention or assessment.
7. The party who has the child(ren) is responsible for getting them to and from school, medical appointments, and scheduled activities during their parenting time.

8. Access to Records:

Pursuant to O.R.C. 3109.051(H) and 3319.321(B)(5)(a), the parents are notified as follows: Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by Court order or by law, both parents are entitled to equal access to any record that is related to the child(ren), including school and medical records. Any keeper of a record, public or private, who knowingly fails to comply with this order may be found in contempt of court.

Daycare Center Access Notice

Pursuant to O.R.C. 3109.051(I), the parents are notified as follows: Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by Court order or by law, both parents are entitled to equal access to any day care center that is or will be attended by the child(ren).

School Activities Notice

Pursuant to O.R.C. 3109.051(J), the parents are notified as follows: Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by Court order or by law, both parents are entitled to equal access to any student activity that is related to the child(ren). Any school official or employee who knowingly fails to comply with this order is in contempt of court.

9. School releases: The residential party shall arrange for the appropriate school officials to release any and all information concerning the child(ren) to the non-residential party.
10. Medical records and information: The residential party shall authorize the release of any and all medical information/records concerning the child(ren) to the non-residential party. In the event the child(ren)'s illness requires medical attention, the residential party shall promptly notify the non-residential party (and vice versa). Elective surgery shall only be performed after consultation with the other party.
11. Order of precedence for conflicts in parenting time:
 1. Holiday parenting time
 2. Extended parenting time
 3. Regular parenting time

12. Parents shall consult with each other regarding consistent and appropriate forms of discipline. The parent with whom the child(ren) are in residence at that time shall make the day-to-day decisions regarding discipline and shall advise the other parent immediately of his or her serious concerns about the minor child(ren)'s behavior. The parents shall strive to maintain consistent methods of discipline in the child(ren)'s best interest. Neither parent shall impose any form of discipline that interferes with the other parent's parenting time, without that parent's consent.

13. Other provisions:

- 1. ANY KEEPER OF ANY RECORD WHO KNOWINGLY FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER, OR DIVISION (H) OF SECTION 3109.051 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND ANY SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE WHO KNOWINGLY FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER OR DIVISION (J) OF SECTION 3109.051 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE IS IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.**

- 2. NON-COMPLIANCE BY A PARENT WITH THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN A FINDING OF CONTEMPT RESULTING IN THIRTY (30) DAYS TO NINETY (90) DAYS INCARCERATION, A \$250.00 TO \$1,000.00 FINE, AND AN AWARD OF THE MOVING PARENT'S ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.**