

Michigan law recognizes that it is in the best interest of children that parenting time occurs in a frequency, duration, and type reasonably calculated to promote a strong relationship between children and parents. Ideally, parents develop their own parenting time schedules that take into consideration the unique circumstances of their family. The following is a guideline and is not an order of the Court. Any deviation from the schedule is permissible if the parties agree. It is strongly recommended that parents develop their own arrangements that will consider the unique circumstances of their family, which can be modified from time to time. The Friend of the Court cannot enforce verbal agreements between the parties and must follow the written orders of the Court. Please keep the interest of your child(ren) in mind when scheduling parenting time. The following is the 26th Circuit Standard Parenting Time Guidelines unless otherwise Court ordered:

26th CIRCUIT COURT
PARENTING TIME – STANDARD GUIDELINES
(within one hour driving distance)

1. During the school year the non-custodial parent (NCP) will have the option of
 - a. Every other weekend from 5:00 p.m. Thursday until Monday morning return to school
 - b. Every other weekend from 5:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

2. Summers: Each parent will have approximately the same number of overnights. Unless parents agree to a different schedule, parents will alternate 10 consecutive days commencing with the non-custodial parent having from 5:00 p.m. of the day school is recessed for the summer period until 5:00 p.m. of the day after 10 consecutive overnights.

3. Mother's Day weekend always with the mother. Father's Day weekend always with the father.

4. Easter weekend: Even numbered years with the NCP from 5:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

5. Spring break: Even numbered years with the NCP from 5:00 p.m. of the day school is recessed until 7:00 p.m. of the day before school resumes classes. If Spring break includes Easter weekend, that portion of the break will be controlled by Paragraph 4.

6. Memorial Day Weekend: Odd numbered years with the NCP from 5:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 p.m. Monday.

7. Independence Day: Even numbered years with the NCP from July 3 at 5:00 p.m. until July 5 return to school or if no school return at 5:00 p.m.

8. Labor day weekend: Odd numbered years with the NCP from 9:00 a.m. Friday until 7:00 p.m. Monday.

9. Thanksgiving: Even numbered years with the NCP from 5:00 p.m. Wednesday until 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

10. Christmas: Odd numbered years with the NCP from 5:00 p.m. of the day school is recessed until noon on Christmas Day. Even numbered years with the NCP from noon on Christmas Day until 7:00 p.m. of the day before the school resumes classes for the winter term.

11. Holidays and holiday periods always supersede the NCP's every other weekend schedule. The NCP's every other weekend schedule during the school year always resumes two weeks after their last parenting time period.

12. Unless parents agree to other arrangements, the NCP will pick up the child for parenting time and the Custodial parent will pick up the child after the NCP's parent time concludes.

13. Mid-week parenting time during school year from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday unless otherwise agreed by parents.

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