

Appendix K-2 Uniform Long Distance Companionship Schedule

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Liberal companionship arrangements are encouraged, as contact with both parents is important to the children. Specific items in the Judgment Entry take precedence over this schedule. Changes or modifications can be made by the Court if need for such is shown. Support payments are not affected by the schedule unless ordered by the Court.

THE NON-RESIDENTIAL PARENT SHALL RECEIVE PARENTING TIME AT SUCH TIMES AND PLACES AS THE PARTIES MAY AGREE.

IF THE PARTIES CANNOT AGREE UPON A PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE THE NON-RESIDENTIAL PARENT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO NOT LESS THAN THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

1. Christmas: Christmas vacation will be divided in half and alternated annually, by half, between the parents. If the parties cannot agree, the Mother will have the first half during odd-numbered years, and the Father will have the first half in even-numbered years. Christmas vacation shall begin the day school is out and shall terminate the day before school resumes in the public school district where the residential parent resides.
2. Spring Break: In odd-numbered years school vacation (the Friday school is out to the day before school recommences, to be coincidental with the days of the school vacation and not to interfere with school) in odd-numbered years of the Saturday before Easter to the Saturday after Easter for preschoolers with no school-aged siblings.
3. Additional holidays as agreed upon by the parties.
4. Summer: One-half of the school summer vacation. Summer school necessary for the child(ren) to pass to the next grade must be attended. The residential parent shall notify the non-residential parent by March 15 of when the summer vacation begins and ends. The non-residential parent must notify the residential parent as to their intentions by April 15.
 - a. If the parties cannot agree which half of the summer they prefer, in the even numbered years, the first half of the summer shall be spent at the nonresidential home, and in odd-numbered years, the second half.
 - b. A general itinerary should be provided to either parent if more than two days will be spent away from either home when the children are in that parent's care.
5. Telephone: The children must be allowed to have reasonable communication by telephone at least one time per day, with both parents, regardless of with whom the child is currently living. Reasonable shall be

defined as one time per day. The nonresidential parent shall pay for calls on the weekdays and the residential parent shall pay for calls on the weekends. The child(ren) shall call the non-residential no less than every Sunday evening of each and every week.

6. Vacations: Each parent may arrange an uninterrupted vacation of not more than two weeks with the children. A general itinerary of the vacation shall be provided for the other parent, including dates, locations, addresses and telephone numbers. "Vacation" is defined as a trip away from the parent's home. It does not include a parent's vacation time off from work where that parent spends it at home.

7. Additional Companionship:

a. A once a month weekend visit to the non-residential home will be permitted if the child's traveling time does not exceed three hours one way. The residential parent must be notified at least one week in advance.

b. Father's Day and Mother's Day can always be spent with the appropriate parent.

c. The non-residential parent shall notify the residential parent at least two days in advance of any time the non-residential parent will be in the area and wants a companionship period. Absent extra ordinary circumstances, this companionship shall occur.

d. The residential parent must notify the non-residential parent at least two days in advance when the residential parent and child(ren) will be in the area of the non residential parent, and companionship must be allowed.

8. STATUTORY NOTICES

A.) RELOCATION NOTICE: Pursuant to ORC 3109.051 (G), the parties hereto are hereby notified as follows:

If the residential parent intends to move to a residence other than the last residence of court record, he/she shall file a notice of intent to relocate with this Court. Except as provided in ORC 3109.051(G) (2), (3) and (4), a copy of such notice shall be mailed by the Court to the non-residential parent. On receipt of the notice, the Court, on its own motion or on the motion of the non-residential parent, may schedule a hearing with notice to both parties to determine whether it is in the best interest of the children to revise the visitation schedule for the children. Said notice shall be filed 60 days prior to the relocation.

B.) RECORDS ACCESS NOTICE: Pursuant to ORC 3109.051(h) and 3319.321(b) (5) (a), the parties are notified as follows:

Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by court order, and subject to ORC 2301.35(G) (2) and 3319.321(F), the non-residential parent is entitled to access under the same terms and conditions as the residential parent to any record that is related to the children and to which the residential parent is legally provided access, including school records. Any keeper of a record, public or private, who knowingly fails to comply with this order, is in contempt of Court. Both parents shall have access to the children's school records. Both parents are encouraged to participate in parent-teacher conferences, school trips, school programs and other school events in which parents are invited to participate. The parent receiving the grade card shall give a copy to the other parent within a reasonable time.

C.) DAY CARE CENTER ACCESS NOTICE: Pursuant to ORC 3109.051(I), the parties hereto are hereby notified as follows:

Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by court order, and in accordance with ORC 5104.011, the non-residential parent is entitled to access to any day care center that is or will be attended by the children with whom visitation is granted, to the same extent that the residential parent is granted access to the center.

D.) SCHOOL ACTIVITIES NOTICE: Pursuant to ORC 3109.051(J), the parties hereto are hereby notified as follows:

Except as specifically modified or otherwise limited by the court order, and subject to ORC 3119.321, the non-residential parent is entitled to access, under the same terms and conditions as the residential parent to any student activity that is related to the children to which the residential parent legally is provided access.

10. Current Address and Telephone Number: Each parent must keep the other informed of his/her current address and telephone number at all times.

11. Modifications: This schedule can be changed or modified by the Court if change is shown to be in the best interests of the child(ren).

12. Car Seat: For any and all child(ren) required by law to ride in a car seat, the parents shall transfer the car seat with the child(ren) as companionship exchanges occur.

13. Transportation: Responsibility for transportation costs should be decided in advance and should be incorporated into an order of the Court. The costs of transportation, in the appropriate case, may be a basis for deviation from the child support schedule.

If the parents are unable to reach an agreement regarding transportation, and unless

otherwise provided by court order, the non-residential parent shall provide transportation at the commencement of the visitation period and the residential parent shall provide transportation at the termination of the parenting period. **A responsible, licensed adult known to both parents may provide transportation if the parent is unavailable.** Any person transporting the child(ren) shall use the proper child restraint seat and/or seat belts as required by law. No person shall consume alcohol or use illegal drugs immediately prior to or during the transportation of a child(ren).

The school schedule where the residential parent for school purposes resides shall be used, if there are no school age child(ren).