

**SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT  
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

	<b>Even # Years</b>	<b>Odd # Years</b>
<b>Easter</b> 9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Defendant	Plaintiff
<b>Spring Break (When child starts kindergarten)</b> (See below for details)	Defendant	Plaintiff
<b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Mother	Mother
<b>Memorial Day Weekend</b> (Friday @ 6:00 pm - Monday @ 6:00 pm)	Plaintiff	Defendant
<b>Father's Day</b> 9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Father	Father
<b>Fourth of July</b> (7/3 @ 6:00 pm – 7/5 @ 6:00 pm)	Defendant	Plaintiff
<b>Labor Day Weekend</b> (Friday @ 6:00 pm - Monday @ 6:00 pm)	Plaintiff	Defendant
<b>Halloween</b> 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Defendant	Plaintiff
<b>Child(ren)'s Birthday</b> 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Plaintiff	Defendant
<b>Thanksgiving</b> (Wednesday @ 6:00 pm– Friday @ 6:00 pm)	Defendant	Plaintiff
<b>Winter Break – First Half (When child starts kindergarten)</b> (See below for details)	Plaintiff	Defendant
<b>Christmas Eve</b> (12/23 @ 6:00 pm – 12/24 @ 6:00 pm)	Plaintiff	Defendant
<b>Christmas Day</b> (12/24 @ 6:00 pm – 12/25 @ 6:00 pm)	Defendant	Plaintiff
<b>Winter Break – Second Half (When child starts kindergarten)</b> (See below for details)	Defendant	Plaintiff

**Child(ren)'s Birthday:** If there is more than one child in this case, all of the children shall be included in each of the children's birthday parenting time. When a child's birthday falls on a holiday, spring or winter break, the child's birthday shall be celebrated with the parent who has the child during that time.

**Spring Break:** Spring Break parenting time shall occur during the Spring Break of the school district in which the child(ren) reside with the primary custodial parent. Once the minor child(ren) enter school, the Spring Break shall be determined by the schedule of the school that the minor child(ren) attend. Spring Break parenting time shall begin at 6:00 pm on the last day the child attends school until 6:00 pm the day before school resumes. Note: The school schedule may not take into consideration the

weekend before or after their spring break. The holiday schedule includes the weekend before and after as “spring break” for parenting time purposes.

**Winter Break (Christmas):** Winter Break shall be evenly split between the parties with the Plaintiff having the first half and the Defendant having the second half of Winter Break in even years, and the Plaintiff having the second half and the Defendant having the first half of Winter Break in odd years. Winter Break parenting time shall occur during the Winter Break of the school district in which the child(ren) reside with the primary custodial parent. Once the minor child(ren) enter school, the Winter Break shall be determined by the schedule of the school that the minor child(ren) attend. Winter Break parenting time shall begin at 6:00 pm on the last day the child attends school until 6:00 pm the day before school resumes. Note: The school schedule may not take into consideration the weekend before or after their winter Break. The holiday schedule includes the weekend before and after as “Winter Break for parenting time purposes. (Christmas and Christmas Eve are separate holidays from winter break.)

**Transportation:** Each party is responsible for picking up the child(ren) at the start of his/her parenting time, unless otherwise ordered by the court. The pick-up shall occur at the opposite party’s home unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. An adult that is familiar to the child(ren) may provide transportation. Car seats must be used, and both parties must provide a car seat, in compliance with State Law. The parenting time schedule shall be exercised in a prompt manner. In the event of an unforeseen circumstance, a thirty (30) minute delay is allowed for picking up and returning the minor child(ren).

## **PARENTING TIME REQUIREMENTS**

**Vacation** Destination Location and emergency telephone number shall be provided to the other party if an out-of-town vacation is planned with the child(ren). Out-of-state vacations, not in conflict with the parenting time schedule, are allowed. This information shall be provided at least one week before the travel.

**Medication:** Any medication prescribed by a doctor shall be administered consistent with doctor’s orders. The medication, in its prescription bottle, shall be exchanged by the parties at pick-ups and drop-offs for parenting time.

**Clothing/Backpacks:** Outerwear, such as boots, coats, hats, and mittens, as well as backpacks and athletic equipment necessary for games/practices, shall be shared, and returned at the conclusion of each parenting time. Each party must provide certain items for the minor child(ren) during his/her own parenting time. Those items include clothing, beds/cribs, bedding, baby bottles, formula, baby food and diapers.

**Access to Records:** A parent, regardless of the custody arrangement, shall not be denied access to records or information concerning his/her child(ren), unless prohibited by a protective order. Records or information include medical, dental, school records, day care provider’s records, and notification of meetings regarding the child’s education. MCL 722.21.

**Extracurricular Activities:** If a party desires to have the child(ren) enrolled in, or participating in, an extracurricular activity, then both parties must provide a signed written agreement to the Friend of the Court that they agree. In that instance, each party must ensure that the child(ren) attends the activity when the child(ren) is in that party’s care for custody/parenting time. Absent an agreement, the party

who has the minor child(ren) for his/her custody/parenting time, pursuant to the Court Order, decides what extracurricular activities the child(ren) will attend.

**Denials:** A denial may take place if there is a doctor's written directive as to the amount of time or days that the minor child(ren) cannot leave the home of the party who has the minor child(ren). This written directive must be provided to the other party. Make-up parenting time shall occur immediately after the time missed. The duration of make-up parenting time shall be the same as the time missed.

**Protective Orders:** Personal Protection Orders do not invalidate parenting time orders unless specifically addressed in the Personal Protection Order. Exchanges for parenting time must occur in a manner that shall not violate the Personal Protection Order (i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> party transporters, alternate exchange location may be necessary). The Personal Protection Order supersedes this parenting time schedule.

**Communication/Social Media:** Neither party shall speak in a derogatory fashion about the other party, in the presence of the minor child(ren), and there shall be no negative interaction between the parties/significant others on social media. The parties/significant others are prohibited from placing any such negative comments on social media, which could be viewed by anyone on social media. Each party to this case is responsible for making sure this provision is abided by.