

## CLARE AND GLADWIN COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT

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### REASONABLE RIGHTS OF PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE

**Alternate Weekends:** Parenting time shall occur on alternating weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

**Weekday Parenting Time:** Parenting time shall occur one time per week from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on a day of the week agreed to by the parties. If the parties cannot agree, weekday parenting time shall be exercised on Wednesday.

### REASONABLE RIGHTS OF PARENTING TIME HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Holiday Parenting Time:</u></b>	<b><u>Even # Years</u></b>	<b><u>Odd # Years</u></b>
<b>Spring Break</b>	Father	Mother
<b>Easter</b> Fri. @ 6:00 p.m. - Sun. @ 6:00 p.m.	Father	Mother
<b>Memorial Day</b> Fri. @ 6:00 p.m. - Mon. @ 6:00 p.m.	Mother	Father
<b>Fourth of July</b> 7/3 @ 6:00 p.m. - 7/5 @ 6:00 p.m.	Father	Mother
<b>Labor Day</b> Fri. @ 6:00 p.m. - Mon. @ 6:00 p.m.	Mother	Father
<b>Halloween</b> 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Father	Mother
<b>Thanksgiving</b> Wed. @ 6:00 p.m. - Sun. @ 6:00 p.m.	Mother	Father
<b>Child's Birthday</b> 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (if school day) and 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (if non-school day)	Father	Mother

**Holidays:** When a parent exercises holiday parenting time, the routine weekday/weekend schedule is suspended. When the holiday parenting time ends, the routine schedule pick-up, ***as if the holiday had not occurred***. This may result in one parent having two or more weekends in a row. Each parent should keep a calendar of the schedule.

**Spring Break:** The father shall have parenting time in years ending with an even number, and the mother shall have parenting time in years ending with an odd number. Spring break parenting time shall be from 6:00 p.m. on the day school recesses until 6:00 p.m. on the day before school resumes.

**Easter:** If the child(ren)'s Spring Break does not include Easter, then Easter shall be exercised from the Friday before Easter at 6:00 p.m. until Easter Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

**Mother's Day/Father's Day:** The mother shall have parenting time every Mother's Day from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and the father shall have parenting time every Father's Day from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**Parent's Birthday:** The mother shall have parenting time from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on her birthday and the father shall have parenting time from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on his birthday.

**Birthday Falls on Holiday:** If a parent's or child's birthday falls on a holiday, the parent may exercise birthday parenting time on a different day by giving 30 days' notice to the other party with a copy to the Friend of the Court office. This provision does not apply if the parent has both the birthday and the holiday.

**Winter (Christmas) Break:**

**Years Ending in ODD #'s**

The father shall have parenting time from 6:00 p.m. the day school recesses until December 25th at 12:00 p.m. (noon). The mother shall have parenting time from December 25th at 12:00 p.m. (noon) until January 1st at 6:00 p.m. The routine parenting time schedule shall resume thereafter.

**Years Ending in EVEN #'s**

The mother shall have parenting time from 6:00 p.m. the day school recesses until December 25th at 12:00 p.m. (noon). The father shall have parenting time from December 25th at 12:00 p.m. (noon) until January 1st at 6:00 p.m. The routine parenting time schedule shall resume thereafter.

**REASONABLE RIGHTS OF PARENTING TIME SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**Summer Break:** The non-custodial parent shall have six (6) weeks of parenting time during summer break. Unless otherwise stated in your court order, the Friend of the Court recognizes summer break as June 1 - August 31.

- Summer parenting time can be taken in any manner selected by the non-custodial parent, as long as it is exercised in one-week increments. This means that summer parenting time should start and end on the same day of the week, at the same time of day (i.e. Monday at 6:00 p.m. to Monday at 6:00 p.m.)
- The non-custodial parent shall submit a summer parenting time schedule *in writing* to the custodial parent before May 1st of each year, with a copy to the Friend of the Court.
- Failure to submit a written schedule will result in the custodial parent choosing the non-custodial parent's summer parenting time.
- Regular parenting time is suspended during summer parenting time.
- Holiday parenting time takes priority over summer parenting time, so the non-custodial parent should take note of the Fourth of July holiday when selecting summer parenting time dates.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

**Transportation:** Transportation to/from parenting time shall be shared equally unless otherwise ordered.

- Each parent is responsible for transportation at the start of his/her parenting time. This only applies to overnight parenting time. The parent exercising *non-overnight* parenting time shall be responsible for **all** transportation.
- A 30-minute delay in pick-up/drop off shall be allowed for *unforeseen circumstances only*.
- A parent may have a properly licensed adult, who is familiar with the child(ren), provide transportation.

**Out of State Parenting Time:** Both parents may exercise parenting time out of state, unless otherwise ordered.

**Court's Philosophy:** Parent must attempt to resolve all disputes by talking directly to each other. "We cannot talk" is NOT an acceptable excuse. Treat the other parent as you would like to be treated and do not talk or argue in front of your child(ren). Friend of the Court has the authority to interpret and make determinations for enforcement purposes. The Friend of the Court shall not enforce parenting time if the parties have agreed to go outside the court order.

Dated: January 21, 2026

  
Hon. Tara S. Hovey  
Presiding Family Court Judge