

Greene County Juvenile Court Parenting Time Standard Order

_____ Parent 1 will have parenting time as set forth below.

_____ Parent 2 will have parenting time as set forth below.

Midweek Parenting Time: The non-residential parent shall have midweek parenting time each week on Wednesday for 3 hours. If no agreement is made for midweek parenting time, the non-residential parent's mid-week parenting time shall take place between 5:30 P.M. and 8:30 P.M.

Weekend Parenting Time: The non-residential parent shall have alternating weekend parenting time from Friday at 6:00 P.M. to Sunday at 6:00 P.M.

Holiday Parenting Time*			
Holiday	Even Years	Odd Years	Schedule
Martin Luther King Day	2	1	Sun. 6:00 p.m. – Mon. 6:00 p.m.
President's Day	1	2	Sun. 6:00 p.m. – Mon. 6:00 p.m.
Easter	2	1	Sat. 12:00 p.m. – Sun. 6:00 p.m.
Memorial Day	1	2	Sun. 6:00 p.m. – Mon. 6:00 p.m.
4 th of July	2	1	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Labor Day	1	2	Sun. 6:00 p.m. – Mon. 6:00 p.m.
Halloween/Beggar's Night	2	1	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving	2	1	6:00 p.m. the day school recesses to Fri. 6:00 p.m.
Mother's Day**	Mother	Mother	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Father's Day**	Father	Father	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Child's Birthday***	1	2	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

**If Parent 1 and Parent 2 are the same sex, Parent 1 will have parenting time from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Mother's Day in even years and Father's Day in odd years; Parent 2 will have parenting time from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Mother's Day in odd years and Father's Day in even years.

***The parenting time for birthdays may include all children of the marriage, not just the child celebrating his/her birthday.

Winter Break/Christmas: For school-age children, the children's school schedule shall determine the length of Winter Break. For non-school age children, the school schedule of the residential parent's school district shall determine the length of the Winter Break. Each parent is entitled to 1/2 of the break. The parents shall alternate who receives the 1st half of Winter Break and who receives the 2nd half of Winter Break unless otherwise agreed.

In even-numbered years, Parent 1 shall have the children beginning at 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 5:00 p.m. on the day the half-way point of Winter Break is reached; Parent 2 shall have the children from 5:00 p.m. the day the half-way point of Winter Break is reached until 5:00 p.m. the day before school resumes. In odd-numbered years, Parent 2 shall have the children beginning at 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 5:00 p.m. the day the half-way point of Winter Break is reached; Parent 1 shall have the children from 5:00 p.m. the day the half-way point of Winter Break is reached until 5:00 p.m. the day before school resumes. In the event Winter Break consists of an odd-number of days, the parents shall exchange the children at 12:00 p.m. on the odd day in the middle of Winter Break.

This is designed to cover the winter break that typically occurs from mid to late December through and including early January each year. If there is a winter break in addition to the aforementioned winter break, this provision does not apply to that additional winter break. If the school the child(ren) attend does not have a winter break that covers mid to late December through and including early January, then the single winter break shall alternate in accordance with this provision.

Spring Break: In even-numbered years, Parent 2 shall have the children for the school spring break starting at 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 5:00 p.m. the day before school resumes; in odd-numbered years, Parent 1 shall the children for the school spring break starting at 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses until 5:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

Summer Parenting Time: During the children's summer break from school, the parents shall begin exercising parenting time on a week-to-week basis. Summer break begins at 5:00 p.m. the day school recesses, and ends at 5:00 p.m. the day before school recommences. Weekend parenting time shall resume the first weekend following commencement of the school year.

Weekly exchanges shall be conducted on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. In even-numbered years, Parent 1 shall take the first week of summer parenting time; in odd-numbered years, Parent 2 shall take the first week of summer parenting time.

For children who are not of school age, summer break shall begin and end on the same schedule as the public school district in which the child resides.

GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT PARENTING TIME PROCEDURES

No specific parenting schedule will satisfy the needs of all children and all parents over the years. Critical to the success of any schedule is that each parent remain flexible, based upon the changing needs of children as the children grow older. The Court recognizes that each situation and each child is different. It is preferred that parents tailor the parenting schedule to meet the specific needs of their children. Consistency in the scheduled time is also helpful for both parents and for children of all ages.

Parents are the best judge of what meets the needs of their children. Although a child's wishes and concerns may be considered in determining parenting schedules, they are not the controlling factor. If a child indicates a strong opposition to being with the other parent, it is the responsibility of both parents to support and encourage parenting time. Both parents must deal appropriately with the situation by calmly discussing with the child his/her reasons. The parents must work together to alleviate the misgivings 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 absolute duty of each parent to foster an environment which avoids such problems and to make certain that the children have a healthy ongoing relationship with both parents.

PROCEDURES

- 1. Parenting Time Exchanges:** The receiving parent has responsibility for transportation of the children to and from their home for parenting time with them and may use another adult well-known to the children for picking up or dropping off the children when necessary. Any person transporting the children may not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and must be a licensed, insured driver. All child restraint and seat-belt laws must be observed by the driver. Car seats should be exchanged when required.
- 2. Make-up Non-Residential Parenting Time:** Make-up days shall be given if an emergency prevents scheduled parenting time. All make-up parenting time shall be rescheduled and exercised within sixty (60) days.
- 3. Canceling or Choosing NOT to Exercise Parenting Time:** Each parent must give notice of his/her intent not to have parenting time, at least 24 hours in advance, unless a last minute emergency occurs. A parent who does not exercise a specific parenting time forfeits that specific time.

4. **Tardiness:** If the non-residential parent is more than thirty (30) minutes late without prior notification, that parenting time period shall be forfeited.
5. **Scheduling:** Parenting time arrangements are to be made solely between the parents and **NOT** through the child.
6. **School Work:** Parents shall provide time for children to study and complete homework assignments, even if the completion of work interferes with the parent's plans for the children. The residential parent is responsible for providing the non-residential parent all of the school assignments and books. Summer school which is necessary for a child must be attended, regardless of which parent has the child during the summer school period.
7. **Extracurricular Activities:** Regardless of where the children are living, their continued participation in extracurricular activities, school related or otherwise, should not be interrupted. It shall be the responsibility of the parent with whom the children are residing at the time to discuss the scheduling of such activities with the children and to provide transportation to the activities. Each parent shall provide the other parent with notice of enrolled extracurricular activities, address, and telephone number of the activity leader, if available.
8. **Order of Priority:** In the event parenting time allotted to the parents falls on the same day(s), the following is the order of priority of parenting time: (1) Summer Break*; (2) Holidays; (3) Spring Break/Winter Break; (4) Mid-week & Weekend Parenting Time.

For example, Easter (Father's holiday) falls during the children's Spring Break (Mother's holiday). Father's Easter parenting time would take priority over Mother's Spring Break parenting time.

*For purposes of interpreting the holiday schedule, summer break begins June 1st and ends August 31st each year.

9. **Contact:** Each parent may have reasonable telephone and email contact with the children.
10. **Promptness:** Parents are expected to be prompt for all parenting time exchanges. If a parent is going to be late, he/she must contact the other parent and give a reasonable estimated arrival time. Chronic lateness may be a reason to modify the schedule. The children should be ready to leave with the parent at the scheduled time.
11. **Conduct:** A parenting time exchange is not the time for parents to air their grievances with the other parent. It is important for the children that the exchanges take place without any conflict between their parents.