

**APPENDIX Q**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS LONG DISTANCE  
PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE**

## LONG DISTANCE PARENTING SCHEDULE

The provisions of the Local Parenting Time Schedule will apply, unless modified by the following paragraphs. Although frequent contact is recommended, distance and cost of transportation may prohibit implementing the local schedule. The parties are encouraged to agree to a schedule that is convenient and workable for the parents and the child. It will be important to consider the child's extracurricular activities when scheduling parenting time. In the absence of agreement, parenting time for the non-residential parent of the school age child will NOT BE LESS THAN the following:

**WEEKENDS:** Once per month if the travel time one way is less than 3 hours. The non-residential parent shall notify the other parent as soon as possible and not less than 10 days in advance.

**WEEKDAYS:** There will be no weekday parenting time, unless the parent is in the child's vicinity. The non-residential parent has the responsibility to notify the residential parent at least two days in advance when the residential parent will be in the area and the residential parent shall allow reasonable parenting time.

**HOLIDAYS AND BIRTHDAYS:** For the holidays that create a 3 day weekend, the non-residential parent shall have parenting time from Friday to Monday when the holiday is their scheduled holiday. In addition, if there is an extended weekend as a result of a school conference, the non-residential may exercise parenting time for the weekend.

During the even numbered years, the non-residential parent shall have the entire Christmas break for school age children. For preschoolers, the non-residential parent shall have up to 5 days during the Christmas break.

The non-residential parent shall be entitled to any days afforded him/her under the schedule so long as arrangements can be made at his/her expense.

**SUMMER and SPRING BREAK:** There are two options for summer and spring vacation. The residential parent shall notify the non-residential parent of the *summer vacation* dates by March 15. The non-residential parent then has the responsibility to notify the residential parent of their intentions by April 15. *The parents will decide which schedule (I or II) to use at the time the parent moves or at the time of final hearing.*

I. A. If the parents do not communicate in advance or make provisions in a court order, the non-residential parent shall enjoy *the first half of the summer* in even numbered years and the second half of the summer in odd numbered years.

B. The parents are reminded that *summer vacation* shall be arranged to allow summer school for the child if it is necessary for the child to be promoted to the next grade.

C. Additionally, the non-residential parent will enjoy every *spring break*, from the evening of the last day of school until 6 p.m. the day before school starts.

**-OR-**

II. A. The Saturday after the last day of school until the first Saturday in August.

B. The residential parent shall have *every spring break*.

WAITING: The children and the residential parent have no duty to await the non-residential parent for more than 30 minutes after the scheduled parenting time, unless there is an emergency and advance notice is reasonably given.

COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION shall be considered at the time of final hearing based on all the circumstances of the case and shall be set forth in the Judgment Entry. In the absence of agreement or a decision, the costs shall be divided based on the percentages of income as set forth in the child support worksheet.

Magistrate Michael E. Hyrne  
Magistrate Pamela A. Heringhaus

Judge Alan R. Mayberry  
Judge Reeve Kelsey  
Judge Matthew L. Reger