

OTTAWA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
LONG DISTANCE COMPANIONSHIP SCHEDULE
(over 100 miles one way)

1. Companionship is to take place at such times and places as the parties agree.

This will not normally mean less than:

A. For the parent who is not the Residential Parent:

1. Christmas school vacation in the even-numbered years or up to five (5) days for preschoolers with no school-aged siblings.
2. Spring vacation in the odd-numbered years or up to five (5) days for preschoolers with no school-aged siblings.
3. One-half (1/2) of the school summer vacation. Summer school necessary for the children to pass to the next grade must be attended. Must notify the residential parent as to the arrangements by April 15.
 - (a) The parties can determine which half they prefer.
 - (b) If the parties cannot agree, in the even-numbered years, the first half of the summer vacation shall be spent at the home of the non-residential parent, with the second half of the summer vacation at the home of the residential parent, and the opposite in the odd-numbered years.
 - (c) Unless the parties agree otherwise, responsibility for transportation costs for summer and spring or Christmas vacations shall be shared, based on the usual earnings of the parties.
 - (d) There will be a fifty percent (50%) decrease of support during the entire visitation period if the visitation is more than four (4) weeks (unless the parties agree otherwise). There will be no decrease of support if visitation is four (4) weeks or less. The residential parent shall reimburse the non-residential parent fifty percent (50%) of the current support obligation during summer visitation within ten (10) days of receipt of child support.
 - (e) Children and residential parent must be allowed to communicate by telephone once a week. Calling party shall bear the expense and parties shall alternate placing the call.
 - (f) A general itinerary should be provided the residential parent if any part of the vacation will be spent away from the home of the non-residential parent.

4. Additional visitation:

- (a) The residential parent shall be notified at least two (2) days in advance of any time the non-residential parent will be in the area and is desirous of a visitation period.
- (b) A once-a-month weekend visit to the home of the non-residential parent will be permitted if the time the child is traveling does not exceed three (3) hours one way.
 - (1) The residential parent must be notified at least one (1) week in advance.
 - (2) The transportation cost shall be the responsibility of the non-residential parent.
 - (3) Father's Day or Mother's Day can always be spent with the appropriate parent.

B. For the Residential Parent:

- 1. Christmas vacation in the odd-numbered years.
- 2. Spring vacation in the even-numbered years.
- 3. One-half (1/2) of the summer vacation. The residential parent shall notify the non-residential parent by March 15 of when summer vacation begins.
- 4. Additional visitation:
 - (a) If given at least a two (2) day notice, the residential parent shall give visitation to the non-residential parent who is visiting in the area.
 - (b) If given a one (1) week notice, the residential parent shall give visitation to the non-residential parent once a month if the travel time does not exceed three (3) hours one way.

C. Each parent shall provide the other parent with a telephone number and address where the child may be reached.

NOTE: Sufficient clothing and personal items must be sent with the children. This schedule can be changed or modified by the Court if need for such is shown.



JUDGE PAUL C. MOON


MAGISTRATE KATHLEEN L. GIESLER