

**OTTAWA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
COMPANIONSHIP SCHEDULE
(EFFECTIVE: _____, 2010)**

(For Long Distance Travel-Over 250 miles one way)

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. The first half of the scheduled Christmas school vacation (or up to five (5) days for preschoolers with no school-aged siblings) in the even-numbered years.
2. The entire spring break (as defined by the local school district's schedule) in the odd numbered years.
3. The entire Thanksgiving break (as defined by the local school district's schedule) and the second half of the scheduled Christmas school vacation in the odd numbered years.
4. One-half (1/2) of the school summer vacation. Summer school necessary for the child(ren) to pass to the next grade must be attended. Must notify the residential parent as to the arrangements by April 15th.
 - (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 the transportation and associated costs for summer, spring and Christmas vacations shall be the responsibility of the non-residential parent receiving the child(ren) at the commencement of the visitation and companionship period and the residential parent at the conclusion of the visitation and companionship period.
 - (d) Each parent has the right to talk over the telephone with the child(ren) as often as the parents agree. If the parents do not agree, then the non-residential parent shall have telephone privileges twice per week. Telephone calls shall be during the normal hours the child is awake

and unless the parties agree otherwise, between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. If the child is unavailable for conversation, each parent shall take the responsibility of seeing that the child(ren) timely returns the call. A child is permitted to call a parent at any time which does not conflict with the rules of the school or either parent's home. During extended periods of vacation visitation and companionship with the non-residential parent, the residential parent shall have telephone privileges twice per week and the remaining above-cited rules shall be applicable to the residential parent. The calling party shall bear the expense, if any, and the parties shall alternate placing the call.

- (e) 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.

5. 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 four (4) hours one way with the following conditions.
 - (1) The residential parent must be notified at least one (1) week in advance.
 - (2) Responsibility for transportation cost shall be for the party receiving the child; that is, the non-residential parent shall be responsible for arranging transportation from the home of the residential parent and the residential parent shall be responsible for arranging the return transportation from the home of the non-residential parent.

B. For the Residential Parent

1. The first half of the scheduled Christmas school vacation (or up to five (5) days for preschoolers with no school-aged siblings) in the odd-numbered years.
2. The entire spring break (as defined by the local school district's schedule) in the even numbered years.

3. The entire Thanksgiving break (as defined by the local school district's schedule) and the second half of the scheduled Christmas school vacation in the even numbered years.
4. One-half (1/2) of the summer vacation, The residential parent shall notify the non-residential parent by March 5th of when summer vacation begins.
 1. 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 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 four (4) 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 BRUCE WINTERS