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**MECOSTA/OSCEOLA COUNTY
STANDARD PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE**

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Parenting time shall be agreed upon by the parties. If the parties cannot agree the following schedule is to be followed:

- 1. Father/Mother shall have parenting time on alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00pm until Sunday at 6:00pm during the school year beginning on Friday _____.** School year is defined as beginning at 6:00pm the day before school begins in the fall until 6:00pm the Friday of the week school recesses for summer break. For non-school age children, school year is defined as September 1 until June 1. School age is defined as beginning at the age of commencement of kindergarten through the age of completion of high school (or 18).
- 2. Father/Mother shall have mid week parenting time each Wednesday during the school year from after school until 7:30pm picking up the child at school and dropping off the child at the other parent's residence. (If the child does not have school, parenting time shall be from 3:30pm until 7:30pm picking up and dropping off the child at the other parent's residence).** Father/Mother shall provide all mid-week transportation.
- 3. The parties shall alternate the following holidays:**

HOLIDAY PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE

| HOLIDAY | STARTING TIME | ENDING TIME | EVEN YEARS | ODD YEARS |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| EASTER | 6:00PM Saturday | 8:00pm Easter | FATHER | MOTHER |
| MEMORIAL DAY | 6:00pm Sunday | 8:00pm Memorial Day | MOTHER | FATHER |
| JULY 4 TH | 9:00am July 4 th | 9:00am July 5 th | FATHER | MOTHER |
| LABOR DAY | 6:00pm Sunday | 6:00pm Labor Day | MOTHER | FATHER |
| THANKSGIVING | 9:00am Thanksgiving | 6:00pm Friday | FATHER | MOTHER |
| CHRISTMAS EVE DAY | 8:00pm December 23 | 8:00pm December 24 | MOTHER | FATHER |
| CHRISTMAS DAY | 8:00pm December 24 | 8:00pm December 25 | FATHER | MOTHER |
| MOTHER'S DAY | 9:00am Sunday | 8:00pm Sunday | MOTHER | MOTHER |
| FATHER'S DAY | 9:00am Sunday | 8:00pm Sunday | FATHER | FATHER |

- 4. The parties shall alternate the child's birthday beginning with Father/Mother in ____.** Birthday parenting time shall be from 9:00am until 6:00pm. If the child's Birthday falls on a school day, birthday parenting time shall be from after school until 8:00pm. If the child's birthday falls on a holiday, the holiday takes precedence over the birthday.
- 5. The parties shall alternate Spring Break each year beginning with Father/Mother having the Spring Break in _____.** Spring Break is defined as 6:00pm the day school recesses until 6:00pm the day before school is to resume. If there are no school age children, then Spring Break begins Easter Sunday at 8:00pm until the following Sunday at 8:00pm.
- 6. The parties shall share the summer break each year in alternating one week blocks, beginning with Father/Mother having the first one week block.** Summer parenting time is defined as beginning at 6:00pm the Friday of the week school recesses until 6:00pm the day before school is to resume in the fall. If there are no school age children, summer parenting time is defined as beginning 6:00pm June 1 until 6:00pm September 1. Summer school which interferes with the above schedule shall only be permitted if such schooling is required for the child to proceed to the next grade, or the parties agree otherwise.

7. **The parties shall share the Christmas Break each year by alternating the two portions of the Break as follows:**

| CHRISTMAS BREAK | EVEN YEARS | ODD YEARS |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| FIRST PORTION | MOTHER | FATHER |
| SECOND PORTION | FATHER | MOTHER |

Christmas Break is defined as 6:00pm the day school recesses until 6:00pm the day before school resumes. The parties are to count the total number of days inclusive in the defined break (not including the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays) and equally divide the break into two portions. One day is defined as 6:00pm that day until the following day at 6:00pm. If there are no school age children, the Christmas Break is defined as December 16th at 6:00pm until January 1st at 6:00pm.

8. Alternate weekend and midweek parenting time is not exercised during the Spring Break, Christmas Break and summer vacations. The weekend parenting time schedule resumes following the designated break periods, using the same rotation that was practiced prior to the start of the break. Holidays take precedence over regularly scheduled parenting times unless stated otherwise in the court order.
9. Unless stated otherwise in the court order, the parties shall share transportation for parenting time, with the parent whose parenting time is about to begin being responsible for picking up the child at the residence of the other parent. Either parent may designate a third party who is a licensed driver, 18 years of age or older and with whom the child/ren is familiar, to provide transportation for any parenting time.
10. Parties are allowed a thirty minute grace period for parenting time exchanges. The parent may appear as early as 15 minutes before the designated time and as late as 15 minutes after the designated time.
11. The parties shall be allowed reasonable phone contact while the child is at the residence of the other parent.
12. Father/Mother shall notify the other parent within a reasonable time prior to the start of any scheduled parenting time, if he/she will be unable to exercise scheduled parenting time. Upon written notification to the Friend of the Court Office of three consecutive no shows without notification, the Friend of the Court Office may initiate enforcement regarding the alleged violation.
13. Each party shall be responsible for obtaining a school schedule for themselves. Each party is further responsible for obtaining school records and medical records for themselves.
14. Denial of parenting time and violation of a parenting time provision: All alleged denials of parenting time and alleged denials of parenting time provisions must be reported, in writing, to the Friend of the Court Office within 56 days of when the alleged allegation took place. You must appear at the pickup location at the court ordered time to claim denial of parenting time. The Friend of the Court will provide written notification to the parties on how to proceed with each specific allegation of violation.