

**FAYETTE FAMILY COURT
TIMESHARING / PARENTING GUIDELINES**

Each Parent Shall:

I. BEHAVIOR

- A. Realize that these Guidelines require both parents to put the child(ren)'s needs ahead of their own, to actually utilize the timeshare granted, and to be responsible for getting the child(ren)'s homework and other activities done during that parent's time with the child(ren).
- B. Understand that there may be circumstances from time to time with regard to work schedules and/or activities of the child(ren) which require flexibility and cooperation, and that changes in the scheduling may be required.
- C. Not send written or verbal messages to each other through the child(ren).
- D. Keep the other parent advised as to current residential address, business address, email address, telephone numbers for home, work, mobile, fax and pager for the purpose of notification unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- E. Not schedule activities for the child(ren) when the child(ren) are to be with the other parent, without first consulting with the other parent.
- F. Cooperate to ensure that the child(ren) have appropriate clothing and other personal items at both parents' residence.

II. TRAVEL

- A. Be responsible to pick up the child(ren) from the other parent's residence, school or daycare when assuming physical custody of the child(ren) unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- B. Not unreasonably object to assistance in transportation by responsible third parties.
- C. Not turn over the child(ren) to an intoxicated individual.
- D. Ensure that every child is secured in an appropriate child restraint system when transporting the child(ren).
- E. Be prompt when picking up or dropping off the child(ren). However, each parent is entitled to a 15-minute grace period. After this grace period, the parents shall continue with their daily activities, and the timesharing is forfeited for that day.

III. SCHOOL / HEALTH

- A. Have the right and responsibility to obtain schedule and activity information regarding the child(ren)'s school, daycare, healthcare or any other organized activity from any third party.
- B. Have the opportunity to complete and view the school information for the child(ren), including emergency contact information, and persons allowed to pick up the child(ren) from school. Both parents shall be listed on all information with the school.
- C. Keep the other parent advised as to the child(ren)'s serious illness or any other major development, whether medical, educational or otherwise.

IV. RELOCATION

- A. Provide the other parent 60 days' written notice of any intended relocation that would impact the current timesharing of the non-relocating party, in order to facilitate a review of current timesharing arrangements by the court.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Realize that these Guidelines are not suited to every set of circumstances and that they should only be used as a starting point for discussion between parties.
- B. Realize that parents are encouraged to draft mutually suitable specific timesharing arrangements and to make continued agreed adjustments as needed.
- C. Realize that these Guidelines can only be enforced if Court ordered.
- D. Realize that these Guidelines assume that both parents reside in Fayette or an adjacent county. These Guidelines will not address all of the appropriate terms for timesharing of parents who do not live within a reasonable proximity of one another.
- E. Realize that these Guidelines will apply **only** in cases where both parents have been actively involved in the child(ren)'s lives for a significant amount of time. The Guidelines would not be appropriate for cases in which the parents have been separated for so long that one parent is a stranger to the child(ren).
- F. Realize that timesharing in accordance with these Guidelines, or timesharing of less than these Guidelines, shall not be the basis for a motion to reduce child support or deviate from the child support Guidelines.

TIMESHARING SCHEDULE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN TWO YEARS OLD OR OLDER

1. **WEEKENDS / SCHOOL WEEK:** Unless otherwise agreed, Parent A shall have the child(ren) on alternate WEEKENDS from 6:00 p.m., or if appropriate, from the time school or daycare ends on Friday until Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., or if appropriate, until school resumes on Monday, depending on the parties' circumstances. If there are additional days off from school creating a three or four-day weekend, those additional days shall also be included as part of that weekend. In addition, the child(ren) shall be with Parent A each Tuesday or Thursday from the time school ends until 7:30 p.m., or until school resumes the following day, if appropriate. Parent B shall have the child(ren) all other times. This schedule shall not change throughout the year.
2. **SPRING BREAK:** The parents shall alternate timesharing for Spring Break each year from the time school ends until 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday evening before school resumes. Parent A shall have timesharing with the child(ren) in even numbered years and Parent B shall have timesharing with the child(ren) in odd numbered years.
3. **MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY:** The child(ren) shall spend this time with the appropriate parent from 9:00 a.m. Sunday until school resumes, or 9:00 a.m. Monday if appropriate. These days shall supersede all other schedules.
4. **SUMMER BREAK:** Summer timesharing shall be divided equally in alternating one-week periods beginning on the Friday before the first full week that school is not in session. The parent that is scheduled for timesharing on that Friday evening shall have the first summer period. Exchanges shall occur each Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Each parent may have one of the other parent's weekends each summer for the exclusive purpose of extending a week into nine days in order to enjoy a vacation with the child(ren). Written notice of the dates of this nine-day time shall be given by each parent to the other parent prior to May 1 of each year.

If the child(ren) spend substantially more time in the home of one parent during the school year, the child(ren) should return to that parent's home approximately one week before school resumes to prepare for the upcoming school year. The parents may have to adjust the schedule to accomplish this and to still divide the summer timesharing equally.

5. **THANKSGIVING BREAK:** The parents shall alternate timesharing for Thanksgiving Break each year from the time school ends until 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday evening before school resumes, or Monday morning after the break, if appropriate. Parent A shall have timesharing with the child(ren) in odd numbered years and Parent B shall have timesharing with the child(ren) in even numbered years.
6. **DECEMBER BREAK:** In even-numbered years, Parent A shall have timesharing with the child(ren) from the time school ends in December until December 25th at 5:00 p.m., and Parent B shall have timesharing with the child(ren) from December 25th at 5:00 p.m. until school resumes. In odd-numbered years, Parent B shall have timesharing with the child(ren) from the time school ends in December until December 25th at 5:00 p.m., and Parent A shall have timesharing with the child(ren) from December 25th at 5:00 p.m. until school resumes.
7. **BIRTHDAYS:** No adjustments to the schedule shall be given for birthdays of the child(ren) or of either parent.
8. **OTHER HOLIDAYS:** No adjustments to the schedule shall be given for any other holidays, including but not limited to July 4th, Memorial Day, Halloween/Trick or Treat evening, or Labor Day.
9. **EFFECT OF PARAGRAPHS 2-6 ON PARAGRAPH 1:** Timesharing pursuant to these Guidelines may result in one parent spending several weekends in a row with the child(ren).

TIMESHARING SCHEDULE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE

Children Less Than Two Years Old shall spend at least two 24-hour periods each week with Parent A. This time shall be as follows:

1. Each week, Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., and
2. For the first week, from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday at 6:00 p.m.; and the following week, from Thursday at 6:00 p.m. until Friday at 6:00 p.m.

The fact that a child is nursing is not necessarily a reason to deviate from this Guideline. The purpose of this provision is to encourage significant time with both parents and any deviation from this Guideline shall be consistent with this purpose.