

AMENDED RULE 21.10

COMPANIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Companionship is a time for children to do things with the parent they do not live with. Activities you can do with them or skills you can teach them help the time be rewarding. Helping the children find friends in your neighborhood also helps make it like home for them.

Liberal companionship arrangements are encouraged, as contact with both parents is important to the children. Specific items in the Journal Entry take precedence over this schedule. Changes or modifications can be made by the Court if need for such is shown. This schedule does not affect support payments.

COMPANIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHILDREN AND THE NON-RESIDENTIAL PARENT SHALL TAKE PLACE AT SUCH TIMES AND PLACES AS THE PARTIES MAY AGREE, BUT WILL NOT NORMALLY BE LESS THAN:

1. **Weekends:** Alternate weekends from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. This alternating weekend schedule shall continue unchanged, even if interrupted by holiday and birthday, summer and/or vacation companionship.
2. **Weekdays:** (One or Two) weekday evening per week from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
3. **Extracurricular Activities:** Regardless of where the children are living, their continued participation in extracurricular activities, school related or otherwise, shall continue uninterrupted. It shall be the responsibility of the parent with whom they are residing at the time of the activity to provide the physical and economic cost of transportation to these activities. The residential parent shall provide the non-residential parent with notice of all extracurricular activities school related or otherwise, in which the children participate, schedules of all extracurricular activities (handwritten by the residential parent if no formal schedule is provided by the activity) and the name of the activity leader (including address and telephone number if reasonably available to the residential parent).
4. **Holidays and Birthdays:** In odd-numbered years, mother has New Year's Day, Spring Break, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Christmas Eve and the first half of Christmas Break. In odd-numbered years, father has Martin Luther King's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and the second half of Christmas Break. In even numbered years, the schedules are reversed.
 - a. When in conflict, holiday companionship shall supersede and take precedence over the alternating weekend companionship. For any holiday falling on a Friday or Monday, if the weekend immediately preceding the Monday holiday or following the Friday holiday and the holiday companionship are spent with the same parent, there is no need for that parent to return the child to the other parent; rather if a holiday falls on a Friday, companionship commences Friday at 8:00 a.m. to Sunday at 6:00 p.m.; if a holiday falls on Monday, companionship commences Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Monday at 8:00 p.m.
 - b. Mother's Day and Father's Day and, the parents' birthdays only when they fall on a Saturday or Sunday, to be spent with the appropriate parent. These are as agreed or 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. These do not have to be made up.
 - c. Other days of special meaning, such as religious holidays, etc., should be decided together, written into the Court Order, and alternated as above. These do not have to be made up.

- d. Hours for parents who cannot agree are as follows: New Year's Day (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.); Martin Luther King's Day (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.); Spring Break (6:00 p.m. the Friday school is out to 7:00 p.m. the day before school recommences, to be coincidental with the days of the school vacation and not to interfere with school); Easter (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.); Memorial Day (9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day, not to interfere with school); July 4th (9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day, not to interfere with school); Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day); Christmas Eve (9:00 p.m. December 23 to 9:00 p.m. December 24); Christmas Day (9:00 p.m. December 24 to 9:00 p.m. December 25); Christmas Break (first half commences at 8:00 a.m. the day Christmas Break begins, continuously, unless interrupted by Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, through half of the vacation break, which may be at noon if the number of days in Christmas vacation are an odd number or 9:00 p.m. if the school vacation has an even number of days; second half commences at noon of the middle day of the break if the break has an odd number of days or 9:00 p.m. the last day of the first half of the break if the break has an even number of days to 9:00 a.m. on New Year's Day). Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day are to be exercised independently from the Christmas Break companionship and shall be spent with the designated parent. To calculate the Christmas Break, the parties shall add all days of the Christmas Break, excluding the day the children are out of school and the day they return to school but including all weekdays and weekend days that fall during the break, the children are off school (again excluding Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day) and divide the total in half. The Christmas Break companionship shall be consecutive days, except as interrupted by Christmas Eve, Christmas Day.
- e. 48-hour notice should be given by the parent with whom the holiday is being spent for any arrangements for out of town travel on the holidays or of a change in pick-up/return times.
- f. The children's birthdays should be alternated per child, between the parents on an annual basis. Hours for parents who cannot agree are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Brothers and sisters attend the birthday event. These do not have to be made up.
5. Waiting: The children and residential parent have no duty to await the visiting parent for more than 30 minutes of the companionship time. A parent who is late forfeits companionship for that period.
6. Cancellations: The non-residential parent should give 24-hour notice to cancel. The time canceled by the non-residential parent is forfeited.
7. Illness: If a child is ill, the residential parent should give 24-hour notice, if possible, so appropriate plans can be made. However, if more than one day of any companionship, weekend, holiday/birthday, or vacation is missed due to non-emergency and/or non-critical illness, then any missed companionship shall be made up as soon as practicable.
8. Summer: The non-residential parent shall have companionship with the children for the last half of the summer each year. The summer school vacation is defined as the entire summer school vacation, commencing the day after the children are out of school and continuing until seven (7) days before school begins. The number of intervening weeks (full and/or partial) shall be divided by two, and the non-residential parent shall have the last half of the summer as companionship with the children. During summer companionship, the residential parent receives weekday companionship as afforded the non-residential parent the rest of the year. The alternating weekends continue during the non-residential parent's summer companionship, without interruption.

9. Vacation: Each parent may arrange an uninterrupted vacation of not more than two weeks with the children. The non-residential parent shall schedule this during his/her one-half (1/2) summer companionship period, and the residential parent shall schedule this at a time other than the non-residential parent's one-half (1/2) summer companionship. A general itinerary of the vacation shall be provided for the other parent, including dates, locations, addresses, and telephone numbers. Holidays and birthday celebrations with either parent shall not be missed, requiring scheduling of the vacation around these events or that the missed occasion be made up. Alternate weekends are missed during vacation, and are therefore not required to be made up.
10. Upon either parent learning or determining, whichever first occurs, that he/she will be moving, he/she shall immediately notify the other parent except in those circumstances wherein notice is not required by R.C. 3109.051(G) and provide the other parent with the moving date, new residence address and telephone number, and such other pertinent information necessary to effectuate a smooth move for the children. The parents shall attempt, in good faith, to renegotiate an appropriate and beneficial new companionship schedule. But if they are unable to do so, the non-residential parent shall, at a minimum, enjoy the existing companionship schedule for distances under three hours or the long distance companionship for distances longer than three hours, including the sharing of physical and monetary costs of transportation and telephone expenses until a Court order modifying companionship is entered.
11. Access to Records: Both parents shall have access to all medical, dental, optometric, psychiatric and psychological records of the minor children and may consult with any treating physician, dentist or other health care provider to the children. Both parents shall execute any authorizations or releases necessary to release these records and documents to the other. Both parents shall retain the authority to consent to any necessary emergency medical treatment for the children. Each parent shall notify each other of any health problems of the children. Both parents shall have the right to participate in parent-teacher conferences, school trips, school programs, and other school events in which parents are invited to participate. The parent receiving the grade card shall give a copy to the other parent within 3 days of receipt. Both parents shall have access to babysitting, day care, nursery school and/or latch key records of the children. Both parents shall be entitled to communicate with all physical care providers for the children. Either parent shall execute any authorizations or releases necessary to release the records to the other. Both parents shall have access to all religious records of the children. Both parents shall have the right to participate and attend all religious activities of the children.
12. Telephone Access: The children must be allowed to communicate by telephone, one time per week, with both parents, regardless of with whom the child is currently residing. Both parents shall permit no less than one half hour conversations. The party with whom the children are residing at the time of the call shall bear the expense unless the children are permitted to telephone the other parent collect. The children may call either parent, collect, with the agreement of the parent being called, at any and all reasonable times as he or she wishes.
13. Make-up Companionship: Any make-up companionship required by this schedule shall occur the first weekend of the other parent immediately following the missed companionship and shall continue during the other parent's weekends until made up in full, including partial weekends.
14. Current Address and Telephone Number: Each parent must keep the other informed of his/her current address and telephone number at all times.
15. Car Seat: For any and all children required by law to ride in a car seat, the parents shall transfer the car seat with the child as companionship exchanges occur.

16. Clothing: The residential parent is responsible for providing sufficient appropriate clean clothing for every companionship period, based on the lifestyle of the residential parent and child. If the planned companionship activities require special or unusual clothing needs, the non-residential parent must notify the residential parent at least two (2) days in advance of the companionship period. IF the child does not have the type of clothing requested, the residential parent is under no obligation to comply with the request. All clothing sent by the residential parent must be returned immediately after the companionship period. The non-residential parent is not required to return the clothing washed and cleaned, unless the residential parent has companionship with the children for a period in excess of four (4) days. Additionally, any clothing purchased by the non-residential parent and which the children are wearing upon their return to the residential parent to the non-residential parent after companionship, shall be returned by the residential parent to the non-residential parent at the next companionship period. IF the next companionship period is longer than seven (7) days, then the clothing returned to the non-residential parent must be washed and cleaned.