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**CHEBOYGAN AND PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT LONG DISTANCE PARENTING
TIME POLICY**

(At least two but not more than five hours driving time, one way)

The Court strongly supports and encourages parents to work together to arrive at a parenting time schedule when there is a geographic distance between the parties of more than two but less than five hours driving time, one way. If the parties are unable to agree, then the following policy will apply.

1. The non-custodial parent will have the child(ren) for Thanksgiving break beginning immediately after school dismisses for the holiday to Sunday at 7:00 pm in years ending in EVEN numbers. The custodial parent will have Thanksgiving in years ending in ODD numbers.
2. The parties will share Christmas school break equally with the custodial parent having the FIRST half, beginning the day school adjourns at 7:00 pm in the years ending in ODD numbers, and the non-custodial parent having the SECOND half ending the day before school reconvenes at 7:00 pm. This will reverse in even-number years.
3. The non-custodial parent will have spring break, beginning the day school adjourns at 7:00 pm, and ending the day before school reconvenes at 7:00 pm in the years ending in ODD numbers and the custodial parent in years ending in EVEN numbers.
4. The non-custodial parent will have the first half of summer school recess in years ending in ODD numbers and the second half in years ending in EVEN numbers. Summer parenting time will begin the day school adjourns for the summer at 7:00 pm and end on the Sunday one full week before school reconvenes for the fall at 7:00 pm. Summer school necessary for the child(ren) to pass the next grade must be attended.
5. The non-custodial parent is entitled to parenting time whenever the child(ren) have a scheduled three-day weekend. The custodial parent shall provide a copy of the school calendar to the non-custodial parent every fall so that arrangements for extended weekend parenting time can be made at least 30 days in advance.
6. Transportation shall be shared equally for all the parenting time established by this policy. Parties shall determine a half way location at which to meet, allowing a half hour leeway for pick up and drop off.
7. If no child in the family is of school age, the non-custodial parent shall be entitled to five days per month beginning on the first Friday of the month. This provision takes precedence over paragraphs 1 through 5. If there are both non-school age and school age children in the family, then paragraphs 1 through 5 of this policy will apply to all the children.