

**JUDGE ALVIN D. JOHNSON'S
STANDARD VISITATION; GUIDELINES
AND RESTRICTIONS ON PARENTAL CONDUCT**

I. VISITATION SCHEDULE:

1. **Weekend/Midweek Visitation:** The visiting parent shall have alternating weekends from Friday at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. until Sunday at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. Each Tuesday or Thursday evening prior to the weekend not having the child/children, the visiting parent shall have the child/children from five-thirty (5:30) p.m. until nine (9:00) p.m. Regular weekends are superceded by the other specific visitation set forth herein.

2. **Holiday Visitation:**

A. Spring School Break and/or Easter Break: The visiting parent shall have spring school break (Easter weekend) on even-numbered years starting at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the last day of school and ending at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the evening prior to the child/children returning to school. The custodial parent shall have spring school break (Easter Break) on odd-numbered years starting at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the last day of school and ending at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the evening prior to the child/children returning to school. Easter weekend shall be alternated from Friday at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. until Sunday at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., with the custodial parent having it on odd numbered years and the non-custodial parent on even numbered years; provided it is not included in the Spring School Break of the school system wherein the child/children reside.

B. Thanksgiving Visitation: The visiting parent shall have Thanksgiving vacation on odd-numbered years and the custodial parent shall have Thanksgiving vacation on even-numbered years. Thanksgiving shall commence at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the last day the child/children are in school or would be in school if they were attending school, and shall end at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the following Sunday.

C. Christmas Visitation: The custodial parent shall have the child/children during the first half of Christmas break starting at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. the day school lets out, or December 18th, whichever is later, and ending at two o'clock (2:00) p.m. Christmas Day. The non-custodial parent shall have the second half of Christmas break starting at two o'clock (2:00) p.m. on Christmas Day and ending at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the evening prior to school starting back.

D. Mother's Day/Father's Day: The child/children shall be with the mother on Mother's Day and with the father on Father's Day from the preceding Saturday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

E. Monday/Friday Holidays: As to any other holiday which is celebrated on a Monday or a Friday and which is recognized by the state or the county in which the child/children resides and the school in which the child/children is/are enrolled, while school is in session, the parent having the child/children for that weekend as a normal part of the alternating weekends or selected summer visitations shall have the child/children on that Monday that the holiday is celebrated until six o'clock (6:00) p.m. or starting at six

o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the Thursday night before the Friday holiday is celebrated.

F. Religious Holidays: If the child/children is/are being raised in a particular faith which has a major religious holiday not otherwise included in the above time frames, the parties shall alternate possession of the child/children from six o'clock (6:00) p.m. the day prior to the event until six o'clock (6:00) p.m. the day after the event or from two (2) hours after the child/children is/are released from school the last day of required school attendance until after the religious holiday at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. the day prior to required school attendance. However, if the child is required to travel and the holiday starts, for example, at sundown the child may be picked up as soon as school is out as might be reasonably necessary to allow for the child to arrive at the visiting parent's home prior to the required time of commencement for the holiday.

G. Summer Visitation: The visiting parent shall have three (3) full weeks (with at least one (1) week in between) during the summer. He/she shall pick the weeks in writing on or before May 1st of each odd-numbered year and on or before May 15th of each even-numbered year. The custodial parent shall have two (2) full weeks during the summer. He/she shall pick the weeks in writing on or before May 1st of each even-numbered year and on or before May 15th of each odd-numbered year. These weeks shall include the party's normal every other weekend visitation period and run from Sunday at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise agreed.

H. Birthday Visitation: On each parent's birthday, the child/children shall be with that parent from eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. until nine o'clock (9:00) p.m. except for school days when the child shall be with that parent from five-thirty (5:30) p.m. until eight-thirty (8:30) p.m. (This does not allow for the child to be taken out of school; neither does this require the parent to take time off from work.) The party not having the child on that child's birthday shall have three (3) hours on a non-school day and two (2) hours on a school day, independent of any activity of the party with whom the child is placed on that day. This visitation shall be at a reasonable time but not to conflict with any activity the primary party having the child on that day may be having for the child. All the children shall be together on any of their brother's/sister's birthdays.

II. OTHER PARENTAL GUIDELINES, RIGHTS & INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Telephone Contact:** Both parents shall have reasonable and at all times private telephone contact with the child/children and the child/children shall be allowed to have reasonable private telephone contact with either parent. This shall be at reasonable hours and for children under the age of sixteen (16) years. The calls shall be before eight-thirty o'clock (8:30) p.m.

2. **Important Events:** Both parties shall timely notify the other party of any reasonably important event occurring while the child is in their care, such as, but not limited to, baptisms, barmitzvahs, sporting events, dance recitals, school plays, etc. Both parents may attend. When in doubt, the other parent shall be noticed.

3. **Access to Records:** Both parents shall have full and complete access to all

medical providers, school records, school personnel, coaches, counselors and other professionals involved in the child's/children's lives and shall be allowed to discuss their child's/children's circumstances and needs with these people. Each party shall inform the other party of the identity of such people and if not otherwise reasonably available, and how to contact such people.

4. **Medical Emergencies:** In a medical emergency, the visiting parent may make appropriate decisions and is hereby granted authority to and shall sign appropriate documents to protect the health and welfare of the visiting child. This is not to undermine the custodian's legal authority to make appropriate decisions. The visiting parent shall make reasonable efforts to contact the custodian but shall have the authority to act and shall not delay in protecting the child from imminent danger. Each person shall provide and sign such information and forms as required and not otherwise reasonably available to reasonably allow for the fulfillment of this Order. This includes but is not limited to such items as: insurance cards, school schedules, flight schedules, medical appointments, work schedules, prescription medications, releases of information, etc.

5. **Failure To Pay Child Support/Denial Of Visitation:** The failure to pay child support does not alter this visitation and the denial of this visitation does not alter one's duty to pay child support. (Remedies such as contempt may apply.)

6. **Pick Up And Return Of Children:** Unless otherwise specified, the visiting parent shall pick up and return the child/children to and from the custodian's residence for all periods of visitation. The custodian may not thwart/deny visitation by moving away and if the custodian moves greater than fifteen (15) miles from the location where the children lived and were being picked up, the custodian shall have the children at the old location until a court order or written agreement is obtained altering this location. (This is not a ruling as to the right or prohibition of one's right to move or relocate.)

III. **RESTRICTIONS:**

1. The parties shall not engage in any physical or verbal confrontation in front of their child/children, and shall further not allow anyone else to do so.

2. The parties shall act in civility and peace towards each other and shall at no time engage in conduct towards one another that is vulgar or harmful in nature. There shall be no fussing or fighting between the parents.

3. The parties shall not excessively consume or be under the influence of alcohol (defined the same as might apply to driving under the influence), or of any illegal drug or the abuse of any prescription drug (or allowing another to do so) while the child is under their care.

4. The parties shall not use profanity against the other or towards the children, or make any derogatory comments about or toward the other party, or allow anyone else to do so in front of their child/children in any manner whereby the child/children might learn of the same.

5. Neither party shall expose their child/children to conditions which imply a relationship such as a boyfriend or girlfriend, paramour/lover or some type of improper relationship while the parties are still married to another person.

6. All parties are required to keep their child/children in a moral and safe environment at all times.

7. All parties are required to see that the child/children in their care properly attends school.

8. All parties are required to see that the child/children in their care receives proper medical attention.

9. One party shall not schedule nor allow others to schedule elective matters to do with their child/children on or during the other party's time unless absolutely necessary from a medical/dental standpoint.

10. In no case shall the child/children be exposed to any x-rated or pornographic material.

11. The custodial parent will determine the child's/children's appearance, i.e., haircuts, hair color, etc. In no event shall either parent allow the minor child to have body piercings, tatoos, or other alterations, without the express written consent of both parents.

NOTE! !

This Order applies to the custodian and visiting parents alike. A violation of any part of this Order could subject the violating party to contempt sanctions which include up to one (1) year in jail to coerce compliance or six (6) months in jail to punish, up to a One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollar fine and up to three hundred (300) hours community service. One may also be required to pay the attorney's fees and costs of the party who brings the action to enforce this Order.