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Alternate Residential Time Guidelines

(A) Alternate Residential Time. In order to facilitate resolution of alternate residential time with a nonresidential parent, the parties are encouraged to consider the following nonbinding guidelines depending on the child's age and geographical location of the parents, and should also consider the factors presented in the Child Centered Residential Schedules prepared by the Spokane County Superior Court Guardian Ad Litem Committee and published by the Spokane County Bar Association (available for purchase through that Association):

(1) 0 to 6 months: Several times a week for short durations.

(2) 6 months to 1 year: Several times per week for short durations, two hours, twice per week; four hours once per week.

(3) 1 year to 2 years: Four hours, twice per week; eight hours once per week. These holidays alternated each year, for eight hours each: Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, or equivalent.

(4) 2 years to 5 years: Four hours, twice per week. Alternating weekends from Friday at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday at 5:00 p.m. These holidays alternated each year: Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving for two days, Christmas Eve and two days before, and Christmas Day and two days after,or equivalent. Summer: Age 2, two non-consecutive one week blocks; age 3 to 5, two non-consecutive two week blocks.

(5) 5 years and older: Every other weekend from Friday at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday at 5:00 p.m. If Friday is a school holiday, the weekend begins Thursday at 5:00 p.m. If Monday is a school holiday, the weekend ends Monday at 5:00 p.m. One weekday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. these holidays alternated: Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving from 5:00 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving Day to the following Sunday at 5:00 p.m., Christmas or Winter school break in even years from 5:00 p.m. after school recesses to Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. and in odd years from Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

(6) Summer and Spring Break. The Summer vacation is defined as beginning 5:00 p.m. the Friday after school is out until 5:00 p.m. the afternoon before the third day before school resumes. The mid point is the number of days of this defined vacation divided by two. The parents will alternate each year the first "half" and the second "half" Summer vacation. Spring break will be alternated each year from 5:00 p.m. after school is out until 5:00 p.m. the day before school resumes.

(7) Father's/Mother's Day. Every Mother's Day weekend with Mother and every Father's Day weekend with Father.

(8) Birthdays. Each parent will have at least four hours with the child to celebrate the child's birthday, and the parent's birthday, within two days of that birthday.

(9) Telephone contact. Reasonable telephonic contact with the child is usually appropriate, and should be not less than once per week for each parent during that parent's nonresidential time.

(10) Different Age Groups. When children of different age groups are involved, the preference shall be to follow the guideline for the oldest child, so that the children remain together.

(11) Cancellation. The failure to pick up a child within one hour of the scheduled pick up time for a weekend will be deemed a cancellation of same.

(12) Priorities. Holidays have priority over other special occasions. Special occasions have priority over school vacations.

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