

**SCHEDULE “A” – JUDGE THOMASON**  
**PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE**  
**Revised May 2021**

1. Pursuant to Code of Alabama, §30-3-150 et seq., commonly known as the Joint Custody Statute, the parties shall have joint legal custody of the minor children; and it is the express intent of the Court that the children have frequent and substantial contact with both parents. Physical custody shall be as outlined by the Court. Parenting time as outlined by this order shall not preclude other and further parenting time as the parties may from time to time agree. This schedule shall apply when the parties are unable to agree on parenting time:

2. Weekends: The non-residential parent shall have every other/alternating weekends from Thursday after school (or at 6:00 p.m. if there is no school) until Monday when that parent shall take the child to school (or until 8:00 a.m. if there is no school).

3. Weekdays: During the weeks that the parent does not have parenting time beginning on Thursdays, the non-residential parent shall have mid-week parenting time on Wednesdays after school (or at 6:00 p.m. if there is no school) until Thursday when that parent shall take the child to school (or until 6:00 p.m. if there is no school).

4. Telephone: The non-residential parent shall have telephone contact every night, which shall begin at 7:30 p.m. and shall last no longer than 30 minutes.

5. Holidays: In the odd-numbered years, mother has Martin Luther King Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and from 6:00 p.m. on the day school is dismissed for the Christmas vacation to 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Day; father has Mardi Gras, Easter, July 4<sup>th</sup>, fall school break, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day at 2:00 p.m. until January 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. In the even-numbered years, the schedules are reversed.

A. A holiday that falls on a weekend should be spent with the parent who is supposed to have the child for that holiday. The rest of the weekend is to be spent with the parent who would normally have that weekend. These do not have to be made up.

B. If a parent does not desire to exercise his or her parenting time on any given holiday, he or she shall give 48 hour notice to the other parent.

C. Mother’s Day and Father’s Day are to be spent with the appropriate parent. These are as agreed or from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

E. Hours for parents who cannot agree are as follows:

1. Martin Luther King Day from 6:00 p.m. the prior day to 6:00 p.m. on Martin Luther King Day;
2. Mardi Gras Day from 6:00 p.m. the prior day to 6:00 p.m. on Mardi Gras Day; or from Sunday at 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Mardi Gras Day for jurisdictions that give Monday

and Tuesday as school holidays;

3. Good Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day;
4. Easter from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
5. Memorial Day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day, not to interfere with school;
6. July 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. the next day;
7. Labor Day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day, not to interfere with school;
8. Thanksgiving Day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day.
9. Fall school break: if the break falls such that it encompasses the days before Thanksgiving, then it shall begin on Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. and shall run consecutively with the Thanksgiving parenting time. If it does not coincide with Thanksgiving, it shall be from the conclusion of the other parent's parenting time prior to the break until 6:00 p.m. on the last day of the break.
10. Spring Break: shall be divided 50/50, with the parent who would have the child for the first weekend under this schedule continuing to have the child until Wednesday at noon, at which time the other parent's parenting time shall begin.

6. Birthdays: Unless the parties can agree otherwise, on the child's birthday, the child shall remain in the home of the parent exercising his or her parenting time, and the other parent may celebrate on another day.

7. Waiting: The child and the residential parent have no duty to await the non-residential parent for more than forty-five minutes after the designated start of the parenting time. A parent who is late forfeits companionship for the period, unless prior arrangements have been made between the parties.

8. Cancellations: If a child is ill, the residential parent should give twenty-four hour notice, if possible, so appropriate plans can be made. This canceled time shall be made up. The non-residential parent should give twenty-four hours notice to cancel parenting time. The time canceled by the non-residential parent is forfeited.

9. Vacations: The parents will alternate parenting time week to week during the summer break, with the parties exchanging on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. if the parties cannot agree.

A. Summer school necessary for the child to pass to the next grade must be attended. Any school requirements take precedence.

B. A general itinerary shall be provided by both parents if the child will be taken on vacation out-of-town.

10. General Provisions:

A. Special Occasions: parenting time shall be:

1. Days of special meaning, such as religious holidays, etc., should be decided together, written down and alternated.
2. On each parent's birthday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. regardless of whether such conflicts with other provisions.
3. New Year's shall be spent with the parent who has the children during the regularly scheduled parenting time rotation.
4. Mother's Day and Father's Day are to be spent with the appropriate parent. These are as agreed or from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
5. Each parent shall have the children with him or her for special family events, such as weddings, funerals, and reunions, which pertain to members of the parent's immediate family (parents, grandparents, siblings and/or other children). Provided, however, that no such periods shall, without the other parent's prior consent, interfere with nor deprive a parent of his or her holiday, spring or fall break, other special occasion time as outlined above, or out-of-town vacation periods with the children (so long as appropriate notice has been given regarding the vacation as set out below). The parent seeking to have the children with him or her for the special family event shall provide as much advance notice to the other parent as possible. When the event falls on a weeknight or weekend when the children would normally not be with the parent who wishes to take them to the special event, the parent shall attempt to agree to switch weeknights or weekends, as the case may be. If the parents cannot otherwise agree, the make-up time shall be in an equal number of days as those used and shall be made up during the next time the children are scheduled to be with the parent requesting the special time.

B. For school-day exchanges, the party ending their parenting time must make sure the other parent is provided with any personal possessions the child may need during the child's stay with the other parent.

C. Each parent is always the first choice as a care-giver for any time in excess of four hours. The Court does not consider time spent with the child's grandparents as "babysitting". The parties shall exchange the names, telephone numbers and addresses for all child-care providers, relatives and others who may temporarily have the child in their care.

D. The Court encourages the parties to work together to co-parent the children; both parents shall cooperate with each other in making joint decisions regarding the children's welfare and they both shall encourage the sharing of love, affection, and contact between the child and the other parent. They shall work together to make mutual, joint decisions related to the children; in the event they cannot agree on a major decision, the tie-breaker shall be designated in the final order in the following areas: educational, social and extra-curricular, non-emergency medical, religious. If a party disagrees with the ultimate decision a parent makes or if no tie-breaker is designated in the final order, either party may petition the court for a final decision.

E. The Court will take a very conservative stance on extra-curricular activities and the reimbursement of the same. While these activities are beneficial to the child in most cases, these decisions must be based on the reasonableness of the cost and each party's ability to afford the same.

F. The parties will maintain health insurance on the minor children in the same manner in which it currently exists, unless the parties agree or the Court orders otherwise. Each party shall pay a pro-rata share of all uninsured and/or unreimbursed medical, dental, pharmaceutical, psychological, psychiatric, optical and orthodontic expenses of the minor children, including co-payments, and that percentage will be defined in the final order. When a party pays an expense as addressed herein, the paying party must present the other party with a copy of the statement, invoice or bill or any other evidence of the charge or its payment within thirty days, and the other party shall reimburse the paying party for one-half of this expense within thirty days after being presented with the bill.

G. Pursuant to Code of Alabama, §30-3-154, both parents shall have equal access to all information concerning the children, including but not limited to medical, dental, psychological, hospital records, school records, report cards, recreational activity records, scholastic, athletic, extracurricular, and law enforcement and other information concerning the minor children. If the children are in a school district that operates on an electronic system, both parties shall have password access at all times. Should either parent receive a school calendar, parent-teacher conference notice, and/or the report card of the children outside of the electronic system, the parent receiving such shall provide the other parent with a copy thereof immediately. Each parent shall be designated as a person that the children's school is to contact in case of emergency.

H. Neither parent shall be restricted from any activities of the children, including educational or scholastic activities such as field trips, parent teacher conferences or athletic events, nor shall either parent be restricted from any extracurricular activities.

I. Both parents shall discuss and consider the wishes of the other parent in all major decisions to be made regarding the minor children, including but not limited to medical, dental, religious, educational and recreational activities.

J. Both parents shall encourage the minor children to love, respect and honor the other parent. Neither of them shall alienate or attempt to alienate or diminish the affection of the minor children for the other parent, or disparage or allow others to disparage the other parent to or in the presence of the minor children.

K. Neither parent shall expose the children to conflict between the parents or discuss this matter in the presence of the children or with the children. The children shall not be made to be a confidant of a parent, and should be encouraged to love, honor and respect both parents and their respective families. Parents shall act accordingly in the presence of the children. Nothing shall be done or said to poison the child against the other parent or family members. In the event a child testifies in Court, a parent SHALL NOT question or discuss that child's testimony with the child.

L. Both parties shall have reasonable and private telephone access to the minor children while they are in the physical control of the other parent. If a conflict develops regarding phone time, it shall be nightly at 7:30 p.m. The minor children shall also have whatever reasonable telephone access the parties desire if the child is provided a cellular telephone for this purpose by a party desiring greater

telephone contact.

M. The households of both parties shall be maintained in a safe, wholesome and proper moral atmosphere whenever the minor child is present. No one shall abuse alcohol or legal drugs, or use illegal drugs in the presence of the minor children. No party, nor the child himself, shall allow the child to ride, drive or be a passenger upon or use any motorized vehicle or watercraft, including but not limited to motorcycles, motor bikes, 3 or 4 wheelers, jet skis, boats, etc., in contradiction of common sense, basic safety concerns, the vehicle's owners' manual, and the laws of this State regarding child safety seats, booster seats, safety belts, and/or personal flotation devices.

N. At all times hereafter, each parent shall keep the other informed of their respective business and home telephone numbers and their respective street and mailing addresses. This information shall not be used to harass or annoy the other's peace or to invade the other's privacy by any means whatsoever.

O. Both parties will make themselves available for direct communications with the other for purposes of discussion pertaining to the minor children; provided, however, neither parent will harass or burden the other with excessive or abusive telephone calls, or any other such non-productive communication. Both parents shall refrain from delegating their responsibility of communicating with the other parent to third parties, except in bona fide emergencies, and will at reasonable times and places make themselves available to communicate directly with the other parent pertaining to the needs and interest of the children. If the parties cannot directly communicate with each other in a decent and civilized manner, text or email is an effective manner for separated parents to communicate in that it creates a written record, and it can be shared with other care providers. For parents that do not have private computer access, the public library offers free internet access, and numerous providers offer free email accounts.

P. The parties shall promptly notify each other in the event of serious injury to or illness of the minor children. If illness requires a doctor's or hospital visit, you must notify the other party immediately. The parties shall administer any and all physician-prescribed medications to the child in full accordance with the physician's instructions. All medicines should remain in original packaging.

Q. Neither parent shall schedule activities for the minor children that will preclude the other from having the minor children with him or her at the times and places set forth herein. In the event, however, that it is necessary to schedule activities that may be in conflict with the parenting time schedules, the parties shall jointly confer and make joint decisions concerning those activities. It shall be the sole responsibility of the parent who has physical custody of the minor children to transport them to those activities. The scheduling of activities shall not be utilized to deprive the other parent of parenting time.

R. Parents are allowed to vary from the Court-ordered parenting time/custodial schedule by mutual agreement. In fact, the Court hopes that parents will be flexible in dealings regarding the children. However, if parents are not both in agreement, the parenting time/custodial schedule entered by the Court is to be followed. Failure to do so can subject a party to sanctions for contempt of Court.

S. The party receiving physical custody of the child is responsible for transportation. If a party moves from Baldwin County, said party will be responsible for the transportation to and from the parenting time, unless the Court orders otherwise.

T. Relocation: Alabama law requires each party in this action who has either custody of or the right of visitation with a child to notify other parties who have custody of or the right of visitation with the child of any change in his or her address or telephone number, or both, and of any change or proposed change of principal residence and telephone number or numbers of a child. This is a continuing duty and remains in effect as to each child subject to the custody or visitation provisions of this decree until such child reaches the age of majority or becomes emancipated and for so long as you are entitled to custody of or visitation with a child covered by this order. If there is to be a change of principal residence by you or by a child subject to the custody or visitation provisions of this order, you must provide the following information to each other person who has custody or visitation rights under this decree as follows:

(1) The intended new residence, including the specific street address, if known.

(2) The mailing address, if not the same as the street address.

(3) The telephone number or numbers at such residence, if known.

(4) If applicable, the name, address, and telephone number of the school to be attended by the child, if known.

(5) The date of the intended change of principal residence of a child.

(6) A statement of the specific reasons for the proposed change of principal residence of a child, if applicable.

(7) A proposal for a revised schedule of custody of or visitation with a child, if any.

(8) Unless you are a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and are being transferred or relocated pursuant to a non-voluntary order of the government, a warning to the non-relocating person that an objection to the relocation must be made within 30 days of receipt of the notice or the relocation will be permitted.

You must give notice by certified mail of the proposed change of principal residence on or before the 45th day before a proposed change of principal residence. If you do not know and cannot reasonably become aware of such information in sufficient time to provide a 45-day notice, you must give such notice by certified mail not later than the 10th day after the date that you obtain such information.

Your failure to notify other parties entitled to notice of your intent to change the principal residence of a child may be taken into account in a modification of the custody of or visitation with the

child.

If you, as the non-relocating party, do not commence an action seeking a temporary or permanent order to prevent the change of principal residence of a child within 30 days after receipt of notice of the intent to change the principal residence of the child, the change of principal residence is authorized.

a. Non-residential parent has the right to participate in all school and extra curricular activities. Residential parent shall provide a copy of all extra-curricular activities and itineraries to the non-residential parent. The residential parent shall notify the non-residential parent of all special events.

b. Each parent is always the first choice as a babysitter for any time in excess of four hours. The Court does not consider time spent with the child's grandparents as "babysitting".

c. The party receiving physical custody of the child is responsible for transportation. If a party moves from Baldwin County, said party will be responsible for the transportation to and from the parenting time.