

PHYSICAL CUSTODY AND VISITATION EXAMPLES

PRIMARY PHYSICAL CUSTODY

"Standard" Visitation Examples: Based on a 4 week schedule						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Mom	Mom	Dad	Mom	Dad	Dad	Dad
Mom	Mom	Dad	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
Mom	Mom	Dad	Mom	Dad	Dad	Dad
Mom	Mom	Dad	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom

Pros

- For children over age 7, who understand the concept of a week, this is a predictable schedule.
- Allows for flexibility with either Sunday evening or Monday morning return to school and mid-week time to the other parent for either overnights or evenings only.

Cons

- The non-custodial parent goes 6 days every other week w/out seeing the children.
- For children under 7, who don't yet understand the concept of a week, this may be too much time away from the non-custodial parent unless other means are used to stay in contact or times are made available either during the school day, during daycare hours, or by way of involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Standard Visitation with additional weekday time to the other parent after the custodial parent's weekend.						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Dad	Dad	Mom	Mom	Dad	Dad	Dad
Mom	Dad	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
Dad	Dad	Mom	Mom	Dad	Dad	Dad
Mom	Dad	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom

Pros

- The non-custodial parent has continuous weekday time to be involved in the

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children's homework routines without substantially increasing the number of transitions between the parents' households.

- For children between the ages of 5 and 7, who understand the concept of 'the day after tomorrow,' they are not separated from the custodial parent for more than they can conceptualize.

Cons

- Twice a month a child aged 5-7 is separated from the non-custodial parent one or two days more than they can conceptualize. In such cases, you may want to consider adding dinner on Thursday prior to the Mother's weekend as well as other times as suggested above.