

SAMPLES OF PLACEMENT SCHEDULES FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Below are typical physical placement schedules parents may wish to consider for school-aged children. There are advantages and disadvantages to each schedule format. These physical placement schedules are considered to be general and will need to be adapted to the specific needs of each family. Please consult with a qualified mental health professional and/or your attorney for professional guidance in applying these schedules to your own family circumstances.

I. Traditional residential model:

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	M	M	M	M	M/D	D	D/M
Week 2	M	M	M/D/M	M	M	M	M
Week 3	M	M	M	M	M/D	D	D/M
Week 4	M	M	M/D/M	M	M	M	M

24 overnights with Mom, 4 with Dad.

Longest time away from Mom: 2 days

Longest time away from Dad: 9 days

II. Residential model with extended time:

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	M	M	M/D	D/M	M/D	D	D
Week 2	D/M	M	M/D	D/M	M	M	M
Week 3	M	M	M/D	D/M	M/D	D	D
Week 4	D/M	M	M/D	D/M	M	M	M

18 overnights with Mom, 10 with Dad.

Longest time away from Mom: 3 days

Longest time away from Dad: 6 days

III. Residential model - 9/5 placement schedule

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	M	M	M	D	D	D	D
Week 2	D	M	M	M	M	M	M
Week 3	M	M	M	D	D	D	D
Week 4	D	M	M	M	M	M	M

18 overnight with Mom, 10 with Dad.

Longest time away from Mom: 5 days

Longest time away from Dad: 9 days.

IV. 5X2 alternating ("50/50" overnight placement)

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	M	M	D	D	D	D	D
Week 2	M	M	D	D	M	M	M
Week 3	M	M	D	D	D	D	D
Week 4	M	M	D	D	M	M	M

14 overnights with Mom, 14 with Dad.

Longest time away from Mom: 5 days

Longest time away from Dad: 5 days

V. 2X2X3 alternating ("50/50" overnight placement)

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Week 1	M	M	D	D	M	M	M
Week 2	D	D	M	M	D	D	D
Week 3	M	M	D	D	M	M	M
Week 4	D	D	M	M	D	D	D

14 overnights with Mom, 14 with Dad.

Longest time away from Mom: 3 days

Longest time away from Dad: 3 days

VI. Alternating week schedule ("50/50" overnight placement)

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 1	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
WEEK 2	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
WEEK 3	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
WEEK 4	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

14 overnights with Mom, 14 with Dad.

Longest time away from Mom: 7 days

Longest time away from Dad: 7 days

VII. Alternating week schedule with midweek contact ("50/50" placement)

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 1	M	M	M/D/M	M	M	M	M
WEEK 2	D	D	D/M/D	D	D	D	D
WEEK 3	M	M	M/D/M	M	M	M	M
WEEK 4	D	D	D/M/D	D	D	D	D

14 overnights with Mom, 14 with Dad.

Longest time away from Dad: 4 days.

Longest time away from Mom: 4 days.