

Category: 8000 STUDENTS	Policy Number: 8760
Policy Title: Relationship with Non-Custodial Parents	Effective Date: November 15, 2006

The District, unless informed otherwise, assumes that there are no restrictions regarding the non-custodial parent's right to be kept informed of the student's school progress and activities. If restrictions are made relative to these rights, the custodial parent will be required to submit a certified copy of the court order, to the superintendent, which curtails these specific rights.

Unless there are specific court-imposed restrictions, such as a final divorce decree which includes specific denial of visitation rights or a restraining order denying such rights, the non-custodial parent, upon written request, may view the student's educational, medical or similar records maintained in such student's cumulative record, receive school progress reports, visit the child briefly at school and have an opportunity to conference with the student's teacher(s).

The District presumes that the person who enrolls a student in school is the student's custodial parent. Further, the parent with whom the student primarily resides shall be recognized by the district as the custodial parent unless a legal document or signed parental agreement indicates otherwise. The school district reserves the right to request verification in the form of a certified court document from the custodial parent.

While both parents can visit the student at school, only the custodial parent has the right to remove the student from school property. Only a verified note from the custodial parent will be cause for exception to this provision. If school personnel anticipate possible student abduction, law enforcement personnel are to be notified immediately.

The custodial parent has the responsibility to keep the school office informed as to the address of the student's primary residence, in a manner determined by the school, and how he/she may be contacted at all times. Any legal documents which restrict the rights of the non-custodial parent must be provided by the custodial parent.

Legal Reference: Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 Department of Education 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45FR 30802) regs. Implementing FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232G) - parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records.

Reference: Policy 8540, "Student Records and Directory Information"
 Policy 8700, "Child Abuse, Neglect or Abandonment Reporting"
 Policy 8703, "Child Protection Investigations Policy"
 Policy 8755, "Relationship Between School and Law"
 Policy 8763, "Releasing Students to Authorized Individuals"