

**CHILD CUSTODY**

In cases where a child does not live with both parents, it is presumed that the person who enrolls a student in school is the residential parent of the student. The residential parent is responsible for decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of student. Parents, guardians or step-parents have the two-fold right to receive information contained in the school records concerning their child and to forbid or permit the disclosure of such information to others subject to the authority granted to the residential parent.

The board, unless informed otherwise, assumes that there are no restrictions regarding the nonresidential parent's right to be kept informed of the student's school progress and activities. If restrictions are made relative to the above rights, the residential parent will be requested to submit a certified copy of the court order which curtails these right(s). If these rights are questioned by the nonresidential parent, the issue will be referred to police authorities for resolution.

Unless there are court-imposed restrictions, the nonresidential parent, upon request, will be given grade reports, notices of school activities, reports of disciplinary actions, or notices of teacher or principal conferences or summaries.

The student is not permitted to visit with or be released to anyone, including the nonresidential parent, during school hours without the approval of the residential parent.

Cross References: Board Policy 2420 Grading and progress reports  
3440 Removal of students during Schools hours  
3600 Student Records

Legal References: CFR45, Part 99 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act  
RCW 26.09.250 Child custody – powers and duties of custodian  
Order terminating parent and child relationship

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