

CHILD CUSTODY

The Board of Directors presumes 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 defacto parents have the twofold 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 non-residential 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 non-residential parent, the issue will be referred to law enforcement authorities for resolution.

Unless there are court-imposed restrictions, the non-residential 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.

A student shall be released to the residential parent or the non-residential parent, unless the residential parent provides the school with a certified copy of a court order restricting and/or prohibiting the student's contact with the non-residential parent.

The student is not permitted to visit with or be released to anyone, including the non-residential parent, during school hours without notification to the residential parent, or an appropriate public authority.

Cross References:	Board Policy	2420	Grading and progress reports
		3440	Removal of students during school hours
		3600	Student Records
		4200	Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
		4310	Relations with Law Enforcement, Child Protective Agencies and County Health Department

Legal References:	CFR45, Part 99		Family education rights and privacy act
	RCW	26.09.250 13.34.200	Child custody – powers and duties of custodian Order terminating parent and child relationship