

STUDENTS

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 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 district, 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 law enforcement 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.

A student shall be released to the residential parent or the nonresidential 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 nonresidential parent.

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

Cross References:	Board Policy	2420	Grading and Progress Reports
		3124	Removal/Release of Students During School Hours
		3231	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 13.34.200		Order terminating parent and child relationship
		26.09.250	Child custody - powers and duties of custodian
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