

Relations with Non-custodial Parents

Whenever possible and legal, the Lakeland Joint School District recognizes the value of providing information to non-custodial parents regarding school purposes and activities pertaining to their child. The district also recognizes that many divorced parents continue to share caregiving and custody and that each parent under legal and practical circumstances, should have equal access to information regarding their child's school progress and activities.

Therefore, upon written request to their child's school principal, the school will subsequently and routinely mail to that parent copies of all school information which is normally sent home with the child. This will include mailings of copies of report cards, and class and school newsletters during the school year in which the request is made. Non-custodial parents and parents with shared custody not normally receiving materials from the school may annually request this service.

Parents, restricted by court order, will not be given access to school information regarding their child. Challenges to a parent's access to information will be referred to and investigated by the Superintendent. Individuals initiating challenges must provide documentation regarding court orders prohibiting access to information.

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

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