

Students

Relations with Noncustodial Parents

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 (District) Board of Education (Board), unless informed otherwise, assumes that there are no restrictions regarding the noncustodial 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 noncustodial parent, upon written request and in accordance with Board of Education records policies 5124 and 5125 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).

In addition, upon written request to the child's school principal, the school will subsequently and routinely mail to the parent making the request 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. Noncustodial parents and parents with shared custody not normally receiving materials from the school may annually request this service.

The Board of Education presumes that the person who enrolls a student in school is the student's custodial parent. Further, the parent with whom the student resides is known as the custodial parent unless a legal document or signed parental agreement indicates otherwise. Verification may be required 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 a 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 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 noncustodial parent must be provided by the custodial parent and updated annually.

(cf. 5113.2 – Attendance)
 (cf. 5118 – Non-Resident Attendance)
 (cf. 5124 – Reporting to Parents)
 (cf. 5125 – Student Records/Confidentiality)
 (cf. 5142.2 – Dismissal Precautions)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15b Access of parent or guardian to student's records

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46b-56 Access of records of minor children by non-custodial parent

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.