

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.44
PARENTAL RIGHTS: CUSTODIAL AND NON-CUSTODIAL**

(1) GENERAL

Custodial and non-custodial parental rights shall be administered in accordance with the following policy:

(a) The district shall respect the rights of custodial and non-custodial parents equally with respect to access to student records, except when a court order exists concerning special restrictions. It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school principal with a copy of such a court order if restricted access to students or student information is requested.

(b) Both custodial and non-custodial parents have the right to (a) view the child's school records, (b) receive school progress reports and all school mailings, (c) attend parent/teacher conferences, and (d) visit the child briefly at school in accordance with the visitation guidelines set forth below.

(c) It is the responsibility of the non-custodial parent to inform the school office of his/her name, address, and telephone number if he/she wishes to be consulted regarding his/her child or wishes to be placed on the school's mailing list.

(2) REMOVAL OF CHILD FROM SCHOOL

District procedures provide only the custodial parent the right to remove the child from school. If a non-custodial parent asks to remove a child from school, these steps shall be followed:

(a) The principal shall contact the custodial parent and inform him/her of the request.

(b) If the custodial parent agrees, the student shall be released to the non-custodial parent.

(c) If the custodial parent objects, the student shall not be released.

(d) If the school is unable to make contact with the custodial parent, the student shall remain at school.

(3) VISITATION

Visitation by a non-custodial parent with the child during school hours is allowed; however, if a non-custodial parent asks to visit with a child at school, the following steps shall be taken:

(a) The principal/designee shall verify whether or not school records contain any court order for restrictive access by the non-custodial parent to the student.

(b) The principal/designee shall contact the custodial parent and inform him/her of the request and the conditions under which the visit shall occur.

(c) The child shall be summoned to the office and remain in the office area for the duration of the visit. The visit shall take place in an area that can be observed by office personnel.

(d) The child shall be returned to class at the end of the visit.

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