

## Students

### Relations with Noncustodial Parents

The Board of Education, 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 school principal, 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 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).

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.

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.

If school personnel anticipate a possible student abduction, law enforcement personnel are to be notified immediately.

(cf. 5113.2 - Attendance and Excuses)

(cf. [5118](#) - Nonresident students)

(cf. [5124](#) - Reporting to Parents)

(cf. [5125](#)/5125.1 - Student Records/Confidentiality)

(cf. 5145.8 Emancipation of Minors)

(cf. [5142.2](#) - Student Dismissal Precautions)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-15b](#) Access of parent or guardian to student's records

[46b-56](#) Access of records of minor children by noncustodial 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.

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