

Staff/Student/Parent Relations **

The Board believes that it is appropriate to assure that minor students have frequent and continuing contact with and support from both parents. In concert with that belief, the Board directs the administration to make all reasonable attempts to encourage parents to share in the rights and responsibilities of raising their children even after they may have separated or formally dissolved their marriage.

Further, the Board encourages both parents to be involved in the school affairs of their children and unless otherwise ordered by the courts, an order of sole custody on the part of one parent shall not deprive the other parent of access to school records and activities of their child.

In addition, the noncustodial parent has the following authority:

1. To receive and inspect school records and to consult with school staff concerning the child's welfare and education, to the same extent as those rights are extended the custodial parent;
2. To inspect and receive governmental agency and law enforcement records concerning the child to the same extent as is provided the custodial parent;
3. To consult with any person who may provide care and treatment for the child and to inspect and receive the child's medical, dental and psychological records to the same extent as provided the custodial parent;
4. To authorize emergency medical, dental, psychological, psychiatric or other health care for the child if the custodial parent is, for practical reasons unavailable; or
5. To apply to be the child's conservator, guardian ad litem or both.

It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide any court order that curtails the rights of the noncustodial parent at the time of enrollment or any other time a court order is issued. A parent with sole custody shall be requested to provide the district with written instructions regarding particular rights or privileges granted to the noncustodial parent.

In the absence of such an order, the enrolling parent will be notified that it is the intent of the school to allow the participation of the noncustodial parent in the full range of school activities, not to curtail visiting the child at school, picking up the child at school, talking with the child on the telephone while at school or excusing the child from school.

In case of joint custody, the district will adhere to all conditions specified and ordered by the court. The district may request in writing any special requests or clarifications in areas concerning the student and the district's relationship and responsibilities.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 107.154

ORS 109.056

ORS 163.245 - 163.257

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 (2000).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98 (2000).