

# Klamath Falls City Schools

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## **Staff/Student/Parent Relations\*\***

The Board believes it is appropriate to assure students have frequent and continuing contact with and support from parents. In concert with that belief, the Board directs the administration to make all reasonable attempts to encourage parents in the rights and responsibilities of their student.

Further, the Board encourages both parents to be involved in their student school affairs, 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 the following authority as it relates to:

1. Receiving and inspecting school records and consulting with school staff concerning the student's welfare and education, to the same extent as provided the parent having sole custody;
2. Authorizing emergency medical, dental, psychological, psychiatric, or other health care for the student if the custodial parent is, for practical reasons, unavailable;

It is the responsibility of either parent of a student who contends that a court order has given that parent special privileges of control over the student or who contends that a court order has curtailed the rights of the other parent to have access to the student, to deliver to the principal of the school the student is then attending, a court certified copy of the order upon which the parent relies, together with written instructions specifically instructing the district what restrictions are to be imposed upon the other parent, which instructions shall be signed by the parent delivering the order. The district will not restrict the parental rights of either parent except to comply with a court order and instructions of the parent of which it has been made aware by the means stated in this rule.

Either parent may be restricted from visitation or telephone access to the student during the school day if such contact will, in the judgment of the district, interfere with the education of the child, or by court order as provided in this policy.

Unless a court order prohibits it or a parent has been granted the sole care, custody and control of a child and has instructed the district that the child is not to be released to the non-custodial parent, a child will be released to either parent.

In the 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. The district will use reasonable methods to identify and authenticate the identity of both parents.

END OF POLICY

**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 107.154](#)

[ORS 109.056](#)

[ORS 163.245 - 163.257](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2006); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2008).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2006); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2006).