

**Staff/Student/Parent/Parental Relations\*\***

The Board believes it is appropriate to assure minor 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 children's school affairs, and unless otherwise ordered by the courts, an order of sole custody to one parent shall not deprive the other parent access to the records.

Only if the parent having sole custody presents a court document to the contrary will the non-custodial parent be denied access to the records. Otherwise, the non-custodial parent may receive and inspect school records and consult with school staff concerning the child's welfare and education to the same extent as provided the parent having sole custody.

Parents will be granted day visitation or telephone access to the child during the school day, provided such contact and visitation does not disrupt school functions. The District will not deny either parent telephone or visitation access to their child, unless there is previously on file with the District an order denying such access to either parent.

In the circumstances where an order is not on file, or in circumstances wherein granting access would appear likely to be disruptive or to involve a breach of the school's obligation to provide a reasonable safe school environment for students, access may be denied to a parent.

All visitation with and access to students by parents or others must be through established school procedures and arranged through each school's administrative office as to time, place and frequency.

It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide prior written notice to the school principal if there is objection to the school releasing a student to the student's non-custodial parent. Otherwise, the school personnel will operate under the presumption that a student may be released from school to the custody of either parent.

END OF POLICY

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**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 (2006).

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).