

### **Staff, Student and 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 education records and activities of his or her student.

In addition, the noncustodial parent has the following authority:

1. To receive and inspect education records and to consult with school staff concerning the student'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 student to the same extent as is provided the custodial parent;
3. To consult with any person who may provide care and treatment for the student and to inspect and receive the student'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 student if the custodial parent is, for practical reasons unavailable; or
5. To apply to be the student'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.

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

In the case of joint custody, the district shall 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.