

Students

Relations with Non-Custodial Parents

The Board of Education, unless informed otherwise, assumes that there are no restrictions regarding the non-custodial 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 superintendent, 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 non-custodial 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, attend school functions when invited, 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 non-custodial parent must be provided by the custodial parent.

- (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)

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Relations with Non-Custodial Parents (continued)

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 non-custodial 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

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U.S.C. 1232g) - parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to
educational records.

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