

SUBJECT: RIGHTS OF NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

The Board is mindful that various arrangements exist for the care and custody of children residing in the District. The District attempts to maintain current family information to help ensure student safety, proper communication with parents, and appropriate educational programming. Parents who are divorced, legally separated, or otherwise live apart should supply the District with relevant information and documentation, including custody orders, regarding who is responsible for the custody and care of their child, and who is permitted to make educational decisions for that child. Where court documentation is silent as to who can make educational decisions, the custodial parent will be deemed the decision-maker for that child.

A non-custodial parent's participation in his or her child's education will be governed by the terms of any custody order. The District encourages non-custodial parents to participate in their child's education, and unless prohibited from doing so by a court order, non-custodial parents have the right to information about their child, inspect and review their child's records in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and District policy, and otherwise remain a participant in their child's education.

The District will not release students to a non-custodial parent without the custodial parent's consent. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the District if and when the child may be released to individuals other than the custodial parent in writing.

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #7130 -- Entitlement to Attend -- Age and Residency
#7240 -- Student Records: Access and Challenge

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