

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, visit the child briefly at school 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.

While both parents can visit the student at school, only the custodial parent has the right to remove the student from school property. Only a verified note from the custodial parent will be cause for exception to this provision. If school personnel anticipate a possible student abduction, law enforcement personnel are to be notified immediately.

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

FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) - parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records.

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EAST HAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
East Hampton, Connecticut

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Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions

The school district is legally responsible for the safety of its students during the school day. Therefore, each building Principal will establish procedures to validate requests for early dismissal, to assure that students are released only for proper reasons, and only to authorized person(s).

Staff members shall not excuse any student from school prior to the end of the school day, or into any person's custody without the direct prior approval and knowledge of the building Principal, or his or her designee.

In keeping with these precautions, the following procedures will be adhered to:

- The building Principal or designee shall not excuse a student before the end of the school day without a request for early dismissal by the student's parent or guardian.
- Telephone requests for early dismissal of a student shall be honored only if the caller can be positively identified as the student's parent or guardian.
- Children of single-parent families will be released only upon the request to the custodial parent; i.e., the parent whom the court holds directly responsible for the child, and who is identified as such on the school record.

Additional precautions may be taken by the school administration, appropriate to the age of students, and as needs arise. Parents shall provide documentation concerning parental rights, including divorce decrees and restraining orders if any.

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Student Dismissal Precautions

The building principal of each school in the district shall maintain lists of individuals who are authorized to obtain the release of students in attendance at the school. No student may be released in the custody of any individual, not the parent or guardian of the student, unless the individual's name appears upon the list.

Parents or guardians may submit a list of individuals authorized to obtain the release of their children from school at the time of the child's enrollment.

A parent or guardian may amend a list submitted pursuant to this regulation at any time, in writing.

Certified copies of any court orders or divorce decrees provided by the custodial parent, which restrict a parent's ability to seek the release of their child, shall be maintained by the principal of each school.

If any individual seeks the release from school of a student he or she must report to the school office and present identification deemed satisfactory by the building principal. The principal must check the authorized list and relevant court orders or divorce decrees before a student may be released.

In the event of an emergency the principal may release a student to some individual not appearing on the approved list only if the parent or guardian has been contacted by the principal and has approved the release, and the principal determines that an emergency exists.