

POLICY: JPA
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STUDENTS OF DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTS

The District shall maintain strict neutrality between parents who are involved in a legal action affecting the family, unless otherwise directed by court order. It is the responsibility of the parent(s) or legal guardian to notify the District of any such court order.

The parent/guardian who enrolls a student shall be considered to be the custodial parent and that parent's residence shall be considered the student's residence for school purposes, unless a court order or other satisfactory documentation is presented which specifies otherwise. The parents of the child are responsible for informing the school of names and mailing addresses of the custodial and non-custodial parents.

Upon request, the non-custodial parent of any student enrolled in a school subject to District control may be provided all report cards, notices of school activities, disciplinary reports, conference appointment or summaries, or other student records which are provided to the custodial parent, unless otherwise expressly curtailed or restricted by a provision of a court order which has been provided to the principal. The non-custodial parent may also participate in all activities, including conferences. The school generally will conduct only one meeting for parents at appropriate times in which both parents will be permitted to participate.

The building principals shall develop specific, positive procedures for sharing information with non-custodial parents. The elementary principals shall be responsible for developing procedures for use in the elementary schools; the middle school principal shall be responsible for developing procedures for use at the middle school. The non-custodial parent is responsible for requesting information in addition to that information specified in District procedures.

The principal shall inform classroom teachers of those students for whom a non-custodial parent's access to information has been restricted by court order.

A student enrolled in the District may be released from school to either the custodial or non-custodial parent, unless the custodial parent has presented a court order or other legally binding document which prohibits such release.

The District shall publish this policy to residents of the District each year in the Student/Parent Handbook.