

7. Noncustodial Parents Policy

Divorced and separated families are realities of contemporary life, which affect the school's responsibilities to its students. The following guidelines have been adopted to assist the school in situations where a noncustodial parent wishes to become involved in school-related activities of a child, or wishes to have contact with or take custody of the child while the child is at school.

1. Ordinarily, the school will not resist or interfere with a noncustodial parent's involvement in school-related affairs, or access to the parent's child or the child's records, unless the school is presented with a court order, or comparable legal document, which restricts such involvement or access. The school will not otherwise "choose sides" between parents.
2. A noncustodial parent may not take custody of a child or remove the child from the school premises, unless the parent presents either a written court order, or a written authorization signed by the custodial parent, which permits such custody.
3. If the actions of parent(s), custodial or noncustodial, become disruptive to the operations of the school, the school has the right to restrict access by such parent(s) and take other reasonably necessary action.
4. Concerning student activities that require parental consent, the school will accept consent only from the custodial parent, unless authority to grant consent is given to the noncustodial parent by a court order or comparable legal document.

These guidelines will be applied so as to further the mission of the school and the best interests of its students.

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