Child Custody

The residential parent is responsible for decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of the student. Parents, guardians or defacto parents have the two-fold right to receive information contained in the school records concerning their child and to forbid or permit the disclosure of such information to others subject to the authority granted to the residential parent.

Unless informed otherwise, the district assumes there are no restrictions regarding the nonresidential parent's right to be kept informed of the student's school progress and activities. If restrictions are made relative to the above rights, the residential parent will be requested to submit a certified copy of the court order which curtails these rights. If these rights are questioned by the nonresidential parent, the issue will be referred to law enforcement authorities for resolution.

Unless there are court-imposed restrictions, the nonresidential parent, upon request, will be given grade reports, notices of school activities, reports of disciplinary actions, or notices of teacher or principal conferences or summaries.

A student shall be released to the residential parent or the nonresidential parent, unless the residential parent provides the school with a certified copy of a court order restricting and/or prohibiting the student's contact with the nonresidential parent.

If there is a court order on file with the district that restricts and/or prohibits any parent or other person from contact with or picking up a student from school, then the student is not permitted to visit with or be released to that parent or other person.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy	3040	Removal/Release of Student During School Hours
		3070	Student Records
		4010	Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
		4050	Relations with Law Enforcement, Child Protective Agencies and County Health Department
Legal Reference:	CFR45, Part 99		Family education rights and privacy act
	RCW	26.09.184	Permanent parenting plan
		13.34.200	Order terminating parent and child relationship

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