

**Staff/Student/parent Relations\*\***

The Board believes it is appropriate to assure students have frequent and continuing contact with and support from parents. In concert with that belief, the Board directs the administration to make all reasonable attempts to encourage parents in the rights and responsibilities of their student.

Further, the Board encourages both parents to be involved in their children’s school affairs, and unless otherwise ordered by the courts, an order of sole custody on the part of one parent shall not deprive the other parent of the following authority as it relates to:

1. Receiving and inspecting school records and consulting with school staff concerning the child’s welfare and education, to the same extent as provided the parent having sole custody;
2. Authorizing emergency medical, dental, psychological, psychiatric or other health care for the child if the custodial parent is, for practical reasons, unavailable.

It is the responsibility of the parent with sole custody to provide any court order that curtails the rights of the non-custodial parent at the time of enrollment or any other time a court order is issued. A parent with sole custody shall be requested to provide the district with written instructions regarding particular rights or privileges granted to the non-custodial parent.

With prior permission from the parent with sole custody, non-custodial parents may be granted visitation or telephone access to the child during the school day. The child will not be released to the non-custodial parent without written permission of the parent with sole custody.

In the case of joint custody, the district will adhere to all conditions specified and ordered by the court. The district may request in writing any special requests or clarifications in areas concerning the child and the district’s relationship and responsibilities.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 107.154](#)  
[ORS 109.056](#)

[ORS 163.245 - 163.257](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 (2000).  
Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98 (2000).