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STUDENTS

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF STUDENTS TO CUSTODIAL/NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS

When parents of a student are separated, involved in divorce proceedings, or are divorced, the building principal will consider the rights of custodial and non-custodial parents to be equal with respect to access to their children, and information about their children, except when a court order or other legally binding document exists which contains special restrictions.

Unless restricted by a legally binding document (e.g., a final divorce decree which includes specific denial of visitation and/or access rights or a restraining order denying visitation and/or access rights), both parents have the right to access to their child; to view their child's school records; to receive school progress reports; to visit their child briefly at school; and to participate in parent-teacher conferences, although not necessarily together in the same conference.

Certified copies of all legally binding documents pertaining to child custody and visitation including, but not limited to, Judgments of Divorce and Separation, temporary and permanent court orders, and legally enforceable written agreements between the parties will be maintained in the appropriate school office. It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the building principal with a certified copy of such court order or other legally binding document, if restricted access to the student or student information is requested.

In the alternative, written authorization from the custodial parent allowing the release of the child to the noncustodial parent will also be honored by the District.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop administrative regulations to provide guidance in releasing children to the custodial and noncustodial parents.

Education Law Section 3210

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