

Policies of the Board of Education

Section I Students

STUDENTS OF DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTS 900.59

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) to notify the district of any such court order. The district shall publicize this policy to the residents of the district each year.

Custodial

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.

Non-Custodial

The non-custodial parent of any student enrolled in the Lake Country School District may be provided upon request: report cards, school newsletter, 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 had been provided to the principal. The non-custodial parents 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 principal shall inform classroom teachers and support staff of those students for whom a non-custodial parent's access to information has been restricted by court order, as well as a court order regarding this school's release of a child to designated adults. All court ordered information shall be held in confidence by all staff members.

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Adopted by the School Board 2/21/94

Dear Parent,

Enclosed is a confidential questionnaire which should be completed and returned to us as soon as possible. It is necessary for us to have this information so that we may better protect your child(ren) and the confidentiality of records.

Our school has adopted a policy regarding children of separated or divorced parents. This policy is based on the assumption that both you and your former spouse have equal access to child(ren) and records. Should that not be the case, it is critically important that you so indicate on the questionnaire.

You will note that the questionnaire requires you to submit a certified copy of the applicable portion of the court order. We must emphasize that it is important that you provide a copy of your court order. If we have no court order on file, either parent will have equal access to your child(ren).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

District Administrator

Confidential Questionnaire for Separated/Divorced Parents

Please complete to the best of your ability:

Your Name Home Telephone

Address Work Telephone

Other

Student Name Age Grade

Student Name Age Grade

Student Name Age Grade

Name of other parent Home Telephone

Address Work Telephone

Other

Type of action affecting your family:
 Divorce Separation
 Custody Dispute Support Dispute
 Other (specify) _____

Current status of action:
 Filed Pending Completed
 Disputed Appealed Other

County and state in which action took place or is taking place:

(if more than one area, please indicate) _____

Is there a Court Order dealing with custody and visitation?

Are there any Court Orders curtailing or restricting the rights and privileges of your current or former spouse with respect to his/her right to be kept informed of the student's school progress and activities or to participate in those activities?

Does the most recent Court Order expressly permit the student(s) to be released from school to the parent _____

If no, please explain: _____

Are you the custodial parent? _____

Are you the non-custodial parent? _____

If there is a Joint Custody Order, what are specific arrangements?

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Does the Court Order permit third persons access to your child(ren)? _____

Does the Court Order forbid access by anyone to your child(ren)?

It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes.

Please attach a **certified** copy of the applicable portion of any Court Order pertaining to the previous questions. A certified copy will contain a date stamp with language including the state where the judgment was rendered, the county, and generally a notation that "This document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office and has been compared by me." The document is then signed by the Clerk of

Courts and, in many cases, contains a formal seal of the Circuit Court of the county in which the judgment was rendered. If your judgment or Court Order does not contain this information, you should contact the Clerk of Courts to obtain such a copy.

Signature

Date