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Board Policy: #5021

Section: 5000 Students

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NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS

"Parent" means a natural parent, an adopted parent, or legal guardian. If the parents are divorced or legally separated, only a parent having legal custody of the pupil may challenge the content of a record pursuant to Section 49070, offer a written response to a record pursuant to Section 49072, or consent to release records to others pursuant to Section 49075. Either parent may grant consent if both parents have notified, in writing, the school or school district that an agreement has been made. If a pupil has attained the age of 18 years or is attending an institution of postsecondary education, the permission or consent required of, and the rights accorded to, the parents or guardian of the pupil shall thereafter only be required of, and accorded to, the pupil.

Noncustodial parents generally retain the same rights as custodial parents unless a court order restricts the rights of the noncustodial parent. These rights include but are not limited to accessing his/her child's student records, participating in school activities and visiting the child at school. If a completed or pending legal action curtails the noncustodial parent's rights, the parent/guardian with custody shall provide evidence of this action to the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Upon request, the district shall provide noncustodial parents with announcements and notices that are sent to the custodial parent.

While both parents can visit the child at school, only the custodial parent has the right to remove the child from school property. Only a verified note or an emergency card from the custodial parent will be cause for exception to this provision.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

In the event of an attempted violation of a court order that restricts access to a student, staff shall contact the custodial parent and local law enforcement officials.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49061 Definitions

49069 Absolute right to access

FAMILY CODE

3025 Parental access to records