

Students

SUBJECT: RIGHTS OF NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

The Board is mindful that various arrangements exist for the care and custody of children residing in the BOCES. The BOCES attempts to maintain current family information to help ensure student safety, proper communication with parents, and appropriate educational programming. Parents who are divorced, legally separated, or otherwise live apart should supply the BOCES with relevant information and documentation, including custody orders, regarding who is responsible for the custody and care of their child, and who is permitted to make educational decisions for that child.

A non-custodial parent's participation in his or her child's education will be governed by the terms of any custody order. As a general matter, however, the BOCES encourages non-custodial parents to participate in their child's education. Unless prohibited from doing so by a court order, non-custodial parents may request information about their child, inspect and review their child's records in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and BOCES policy, and otherwise remain interested in their child's education.

The BOCES will not release students to a non-custodial parent without the custodial parent's consent. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the BOCES if and when the child may be released to individuals other than the custodial parent in a form acceptable to the BOCES.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7240 -- Student Records: Access and Challenge