

MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Descriptor Term: CHILD CUSTODY POLICY	Descriptor No: STU 33	Date Adopted: 9/83
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1 Absent any evidence to the contrary, the Board shall presume that the person who enrolls a
2 student in school is the student's custodial parent, legal guardian or legal custodian. Unless a
3 Tennessee court specifies otherwise, the custodial parent shall be the individual whom the school
4 district shall hold responsible for the education and welfare of that child.

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6 Parents, legal guardians, and legal custodians shall have the right to receive information
7 contained in school records concerning a minor child for whom they are legally responsible.
8 Absent evidence to the contrary, the Board assumes there are no restrictions regarding a non-
9 custodial parent's right to be kept informed of the student's progress and activities. If a court
10 restricts the rights of a non-custodial parent, the custodial parent, legal guardian, or legal
11 custodian shall submit a certified copy of the court order curtailing the non-custodial parent's
12 rights.

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14 Unless there are specific court-imposed restrictions, the non-custodial parent, upon request, shall
15 be given access to all of the student's educational records including but not limited to the
16 student's cumulative file and the student's special educational file, if applicable.

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18 No principal or teacher shall permit a change in the physical custody of a child at school unless:

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- 21 1. The person seeking custody of the child presents the school official with a certified
22 copy of a valid court order from a Tennessee court designating the person who has
23 legal custody of the child; and
 - 24 2. The person seeking custody shall give the school official reasonable advance notice
25 of the person's intent to take custody of the child at school

26 So that school officials may have information regarding a non-custodial parent, school officials
27 may ask the custodial parent to provide the name, photograph and address of the non-custodial
28 parent.

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30 If a custodial parent advises the school of possible abduction, the parent should provide the
31 name, photograph and description of the possible abductor, if such information is available.

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33 Legal References:

34 20 U.S.C.A. 1232g

35 T.C.A. 36-6-105; T.C.A. 49-6-902