

## STUDENTS OF DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTS

The Evansville Community School District Board of Education recognizes the importance of parent participation and involvement in the education of their children. When parents are involved in a legal action affecting the family such as divorce or legal separation, it is important for the District to have information necessary to make appropriate decisions regarding their child(ren)'s education and parent involvement in schools.

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. In the event neither parent notifies the District of the existence of a court order, neither parent shall be deemed to have superior rights to the other parent with respect to their minor student.

A guardian is a person who has been voluntarily or involuntarily appointed by the court to provide for the needs of a minor. If there is a guardian in place for a student, a court order exists (Letter of Guardianship), that identifies the powers granted to the guardian. The District should be made aware and provided a copy of this document.

The parent who has physical placement of a student shall be considered to be the custodial parent and that parent's residence shall be considered the student's residence for school enrollment 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 parent(s) and parents who have periods of physical placement. The parents who have periods of physical placement of any student enrolled in the District may be provided all report cards, notices of school activities, 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 parents who have periods of physical placement 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.

If parents with periods of physical placement have had access to their child(ren)'s school records restricted by court order, the building principals shall inform the classroom teacher(s) of their students in these circumstances.

All schools in the District shall provide materials to custodial parents who have periods of physical placement and provide current demographic information.

A student enrolled in the District may be released from school to either the custodial parent(s) or parent who has periods of physical placement, unless the custodial parent has presented a full court order or other full legally binding document which prohibits such a release.

At the beginning of each school year, or upon enrollment of a student in the Evansville Community School District, custodial parents shall be asked to provide information regarding the status of the parents who have periods of physical placement.

Legal Ref.: Section 118.125(2)(m) Wisconsin Statute (Pupil Records)