

CUSTODY AND PARENTAL RIGHTS

Parents of students shall be deemed to have equal rights regarding custody of students and access to student records and information and shall be afforded equal participation in decisions affecting a student's education. If one parent contends the other parent's rights concerning student records and information, custody, or participation in decisions affecting educational activities are limited, the parent seeking the limitation shall provide the district with a court order evidencing the limitation.

Disagreements between family members are not the responsibility of the school district. The school district will not take the "side" of one family member over another in a disagreement about custody or parental rights. Court orders that have been issued shall be followed by the school district.

This policy does not prohibit an employee from listening to a student's problems and concerns.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure employees remain neutral in a disagreement about custody and parental rights.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 232.67, .70, .73, .75; 235A; 279.8; 710.6 (2014).  
441 I.A.C. 9.2; 155; 175.

Cross Reference: 506 Student Records  
507 Student Health and Well-Being

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