

## Custody of Students

Generally both parents maintain certain educational rights for their children. In cases of separation or divorce, the following guidelines apply unless otherwise specified in a court order:

- The custodial parent/legal guardian shall make all educational and medical decisions for the child.
- The non-custodial parent may visit the school/observe instruction, attend any conferences, view school records and receive school communications. The non-custodial parent may pick the child up from school when given written permission by the custodial parent.
- If the non-custodial parent wants to receive copies of school communications, he/she shall make a written request to the school Principal. The request shall include the non-custodial parent's name, address, and the type of information requested.
- A non-custodial parent may not enrol/withdraw a student from school without a notarized statement from the custodial parent granting permission to enrol/withdraw the student from school.
- Request from parents, attorneys, or other individuals for a written statement on behalf of a parent in custody/visitation matters shall not be honoured. Requests to testify in court shall not be honoured unless summoned by a properly served subpoena. A parent shall be notified in writing of any subpoena requesting student record or student information. Such subpoenas shall be honoured by the school system.
- A step-parent may only pick a child up from school with permission from the custodial parent.
- Person(s) sharing joint custody may both make educational and medical decisions. If parents disagree, the decision of the resident parent (the parent with whom the child resides) will be recognized and implemented, as appropriate.

