

Children of Divorced/Separated Parents

Code #491.00

The Tri-County Area School District encourages 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 the information necessary to make appropriate decisions regarding the child's school program and parent involvement with the District. 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 a student's parents to notify the District of any such order and provide the District with a copy of such court order.

The parent of any student enrolled in a school subject to District control may be provided all report cards, notices of school activities, disciplinary reports, conference appointments or summaries, or other student records, unless otherwise expressly curtailed or restricted by a provision of a court order that has been provided to the Principal. The parent may participate in all school activities related to their child, including conferences, unless a court order provides otherwise. The school generally will conduct only one meeting for parents at appropriate times in which both parents will be permitted to participate.

Principals shall develop specific, positive procedures for sharing information with parents in their schools. The Principal shall inform classroom teachers of those students for whom a parent's access to information has been restricted or denied by court order.

A student enrolled in the District may be released from school to either parent, unless a court order or other legally binding document has been presented to the Principal that prohibits such a release.

The District shall annually inform District residents of this policy via the District newsletter.

Legal Reference: Sections 118.125(2)(m); 767.001, 767.24, Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Reference: 347.00, Student Records
420.00, School Admission
491.00AR, Children of Divorced/Separated Parents (Admin. Rule)

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