

## RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CUSTODIAL AND NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS IN EDUCATION

### I. School Responsibilities

When parents of a student are estranged, separated, or divorced, personnel at the school will to the extent required or permitted by law and subject to the terms and conditions of a lawfully issued court order of competent jurisdiction, uphold the parental rights of both parents. Unless there is a court order or other legal restriction to the contrary, both parents have the right to:

- A. view the child's school records in accordance with Policy JO;
- B. receive school progress reports, the school calendar, and the school newsletters;
- C. visit the school in accordance with Policy KK;
- D. participate in parent-teacher conferences and meetings--in the case of the non-custodial parent, after a timely request is made;
- ~~D.E.~~ participate in any school activities for which the school supports or encourages parent participation under Virginia Code §22.1-4.3, including, but not limited to: lunch breaks, special in-school programs, and extracurricular activities; and
- ~~E.F.~~ receive all notifications in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

### II. Parent Responsibilities

- A. The custodial parent has the responsibility to
  1. keep the school office informed of the parent's address and phone number and how he/she may be contacted at all times;
  2. on the school's registration form, list the current address of the non-custodial parent, unless such address is unknown; and
  3. provide a copy of any legal document which addresses the rights of the non-custodial parent.
- B. The non-custodial parent has the responsibility to
  1. keep the school office apprised of a current address and phone number;
  2. request in writing if he/she wants copies of progress reports, school newsletters, and the school calendars; and
  3. make timely requests to participate in parent-teacher conferences and meetings.

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34 C.F.R. Section 99.1 *et seq.*

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, [§§ Sections](#) 22.1-3, 22.1-4.3, ~~22.1-78, 22.1-279.4~~; 22.1-287

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JO, *Student Records*  
KK, *School Visitors*