

PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. When parents of a student are estranged, separated, or divorced, building personnel will uphold the parental rights of both parents. Unless there is a court order to the contrary, both parents have the right to:
1. view the child's school records, in accordance with Policy JO;
 2. receive school progress reports, the school calendar, and notices of major school events;
 3. visit the school in accordance with Policy KK;
 4. participate in parent-teacher conferences; in the case of the non-custodial parent, after a timely request is made; and
 5. receive all notifications in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
 6. receive notice of the student's extended absence, as defined in and pursuant to Policy JE, if both parents have joint physical custody.

B. Parent Responsibilities

The custodial parent has the responsibility to:

1. keep the school office informed as to the address of residence and how he or she may be contacted at all times;
2. on the Gloucester County Public Schools' registration form, list the current address and phone number of the non-custodial parent, unless such address is unknown and the parent signs a statement to that effect, or unless a court order restricts the educational or contact rights of the parent; and
3. provide a copy of any legal document which restricts the educational and/or contact rights of the non-custodial parent.

The non-custodial parent has the responsibility to keep the school office apprised of changes in his or her current phone number and address. Further, the non-custodial parent may make timely requests to participate in parent-teacher conferences. At the request of a non-custodial parent, such parent will be included as an emergency contact for the student's activities unless a court order has been issued to the contrary.

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LEGAL REFERENCES: 20 U.S.C. section 1232g.

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 et seq.