

# Walla Walla Public Schools

## BOARD POLICY

Policy No. 3126

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### CHILD CUSTODY

The board of directors presumes that the person who enrolls a student in school is the residential parent/legal guardian of the student. The residential parent/guardian is responsible for decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of the student. Parents or legal guardians have rights to receive information contained in the school records concerning their child and to forbid or permit the disclosure of such information to others, subject to the authority granted to the residential parent/guardian.

The district, unless informed otherwise, assumes that there are no restrictions regarding the nonresidential parents/guardians right to be kept informed of the student's school progress and activities. If restrictions are made relative to the above rights, the residential parent/guardian will be requested to submit a certified copy of the court order which curtails these right(s). If these rights are questioned by the nonresidential parent/guardian, the issue will be referred to law enforcement authorities for resolution.

Unless there are court-imposed restrictions, the nonresidential parent/guardian, upon request, will be given grade reports, notices of school activities, reports of disciplinary actions, or notices of teacher or principal conferences or summaries.

If there is a court order on file with the district that restricts and/or prohibits any parent or other person from contact with a student at school or picking up a student from school, then the district will not permit the student to visit with or be released to that parent, or other person.

The residential parents/guardians will have access to their children and their classrooms pursuant to RCW 28A.605

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Cross References:	Board Policy	2420	Grading and progress reports
		3124	Removal/Release of Student During School Hours
		3231	Student Records
		4200	Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
		4310	Relations with the Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Child Protective Agencies and the County Health Department

Legal References:	RCW	13.34.200	Order terminating parent/guardian and child relationship
		26.09.184	Permanent parenting plan
		28A.605	Parental access

CFR45, Part 99 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

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