

## MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

<b>Descriptor Term:</b>  <b>CHILD CUSTODY POLICY</b>	<b>Descriptor No:</b>  <b>STU 33</b>	<b>Date Adopted:</b>  <b>9/83</b>
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1 Absent any evidence to the contrary, the Board shall presume that the person who enrolls a  
2 student in school is the student's custodial parent, legal guardian or legal custodian. Unless a  
3 Tennessee court specifies otherwise, the custodial parent shall be the individual whom the school  
4 district shall hold responsible for the education and welfare of that child.

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6 Parents, legal guardians, and legal custodians shall have the right to receive information  
7 contained in school records concerning a minor child for whom they are legally responsible.  
8 Absent evidence to the contrary, the Board assumes there are no restrictions regarding a non-  
9 custodial parent's right to be kept informed of the student's progress and activities. If a court  
10 restricts the rights of a non-custodial parent, the custodial parent, legal guardian, or legal  
11 custodian shall submit a certified copy of the court order curtailing the non-custodial parent's  
12 rights.

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14 Unless there are specific court-imposed restrictions, the non-custodial parent, upon request, shall  
15 be given access to all of the student's educational records including but not limited to the  
16 student's cumulative file and the student's special educational file, if applicable.

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18 No principal or teacher shall permit a change in the physical custody of a child at school unless:

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20 1. The person seeking custody of the child presents the school official with a certified  
21 copy of a valid court order from a Tennessee court designating the person who has  
22 legal custody of the child; and  
23 2. The person seeking custody shall give the school official reasonable advance notice  
24 of the person's intent to take custody of the child at school  
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26 So that school officials may have information regarding a non-custodial parent, school officials  
27 may ask the custodial parent to provide the name, photograph and address of the non-custodial  
28 parent.

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30 If a custodial parent advises the school of possible abduction, the parent should provide the  
31 name, photograph and description of the possible abductor, if such information is available.

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33 Legal References:

34 20 U.S.C.A. 1232g

35 T.C.A. 36-6-105; T.C.A. 49-6-902