

Policy

CUSTODIAL PARENTS

The Mendham Borough Board of Education believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility that it shares with the parents/guardians and the school community.

Whenever specific court orders or written agreements between parents place restrictions or conditions on any aspect of child custody/guardianship, it shall be the responsibility of the custodial/guardian parent to inform the principal of the child's school in writing of any such restrictions. The principal shall inform the chief school administrator.

When the principal or chief school administrator is apprised in writing of restraining orders, such administrator shall immediately notify the local law enforcement unit if necessary to ensure compliance with the order.

A child's primary residence for purposes of school eligibility shall be determined as set forth in the regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Education and board of education policy (see board policy 5111 Admission).

When the principal of a child's school is notified in writing of shared custody arrangements, both parents shall have:

- A. Equal access to their un-emancipated child's records including grades, disciplinary histories, child care, insurance, and health records;
- B. The right to all notifications concerning the child's academic, behavioral and social progress, meetings affecting the child's instructional program, and school programs at which parents' attendance is anticipated;
- C. The right to visitation and participation at school functions and conferences accompanied by the responsibility to sign-in at the school office; and
- D. The right to remove the child from school premises when providing proper proof of identity.

This policy shall be distributed to all families annually. It shall be included in the information packet for newly enrolled children's families.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 9:2-4 Custody of child; rights of both parents considered
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 Attendance at school free of charge
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-2 Free attendance at school by nonresidents placed in district under court order

Possible

Cross References: *5111 Admission
*5118 Nonresidents
*5142 Safety

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.