

## **CUSTODIAL AND NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Laconia School Board recognizes the value of providing information to non-custodial parents regarding school progress and activities pertaining to their child. The District also recognizes that many divorced parents continue to share care-giving and custody and that each parent, under legal and practical circumstances, may have equal access to information regarding their child's school progress and activities.

Therefore, upon written request to their child's school Principal, the school will subsequently and routinely mail to that parent copies of school report cards, test scores, and any other information related to a child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). These mailings will continue for the remainder of the school year in which the request is made provided that the non-custodial parent provides the district with an adequate supply of stamped, self-addressed, envelopes. Non-custodial parents and parents with shared custody not normally receiving materials from the school may annually request this service.

In some cases, parents are not, by court order, entitled access to school information regarding their child. Challenges to a parent's access to information should be referred to the Superintendent. Principals will advise anyone challenging a parent's right to information that it is only by court action that this right can be denied. Those launching challenges are advised to provide documentation regarding court orders prohibiting access to information to the school office. All information will be withheld pending resolution of the Superintendent's review of the matter.

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