

# Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

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**Child Custody/Parental Access**

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2 The Board presumes that the person who enrolls a student in school is the student's custodial  
3 parent. Unless a Tennessee court specifies otherwise, the custodial parent shall be the one whom  
4 the school district holds responsible for the education and welfare of that child. The school has  
5 the right to require proof of legal guardianship and residency before a student can be enrolled.

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7 Parents or guardians shall have the right to receive information contained in school records  
8 concerning their minor child.<sup>1</sup> The Board, unless informed otherwise, assumes there are no  
9 restrictions regarding the non-custodial parent's right to be kept informed of the student's  
10 progress and activities. If restrictions are made relative to the rights of the non-custodial parent,  
11 the custodial parent shall be requested to submit a certified copy of the court order which curtails  
12 these specific 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 education file, if applicable.<sup>2</sup>

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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 copy  
21 of a valid court order from a Tennessee court designating the person who has custody of  
22 the child; and  
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24 2. The person seeking custody shall give the school official reasonable advance notice of  
25 his/her intent to take custody of the child at school.<sup>3</sup>  
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Legal References:

<sup>1</sup> 20 USC 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974)

<sup>2</sup> TCA 49-6-902

<sup>3</sup> TCA 36-6-105

Cross Reference:

6.600 Student Records