Student Safety

Student safety shall be a priority of all school district personnel through close supervision of students in all school buildings and grounds and through special attention to:

- 1. Maintenance of safe school environments.
- 2. Safe practices by school personnel and students particularly in instructional areas or in extracurricular activities presenting special hazards.
- 3. Development of school programs and activities consistent with appropriate abilities and limitations of students at each age level.
- 4. Offering safety education to students germane to particular subjects, such as laboratory courses in science, industrial arts, and health and physical education.
- 5. Appropriate first aid care for students in case of accident or sudden illness.
- 6. Adequacy of emergency response procedures at each school in the district.
- (cf. 5131.6 Drugs/Alcohol and Tobacco
- (cf. 5141.4 Child Abuse and Neglect)
- (cf. 5141.5 Suicide Prevention)
- (cf. 5141.3 Student Health Assessments and Immunizations)
- (cf. 5141.22 Communicable and Infectious Diseases)
- (cf. 6142.1 Family Life and Sex Education)
- (cf. 6114 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness)
- (cf. 6114.7 Safe Schools)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

PA 98-252 An Act Concerning Revisions to the Education Statutes.

Relations with Non-custodial Parents

The Board of Education, unless informed otherwise, assumes that there are no restrictions regarding the non-custodial parent's right to be kept informed of the student's school progress and activities. If restrictions are made relative to these rights, the custodial parent will be required to submit a certified copy of the court order, to the superintendent, which curtails these specific rights.

Unless there are specific court-imposed restrictions, such as a final divorce decree which includes specific denial of visitation rights or a restraining order denying such rights, the non-custodial parent, upon written request may view the student's educational, medical or similar records maintained in such student's cumulative record, receive school progress reports, visit the child briefly at school and have an opportunity to conference with the student's teacher(s).

The Board of Education presumes that the person who enrolls a student in school is the student's custodial parent. Further, the parent with whom the student resides is known as the custodial parent unless a legal document or signed parental agreement indicates otherwise. Verification may be required from the custodial parent.

While both parents can visit the student at school, only the custodial parent has the right to remove the student from school property. Only a verified note from the custodial parent will be cause for exception to this provision. If school personnel anticipate a possible student abduction, law enforcement personnel are to be notified immediately.

The custodial parent has the responsibility to keep the school office informed as to the address of residence, in a manner determined by the school, and how he/she may be contacted at all times. Any legal documents which restrict the rights of the non-custodial parent must be provided by the custodial parent.

(cf. 5113.2 - Attendance and Excuses)
(cf. 5118 - Nonresident students)
(cf. 5124 - Reporting to Parents)
(cf. 5125/5125.1 - Student Records/Confidentiality)
(cf. 5142.2 - Student Dismissal Precautions)

Legal Reference:	Connecticut General Statutes 10-15b Access of parent or guardian to student's records 46b-56 Access of records of minor children by non-custodial parent Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 Department of Education 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45FR 30802) regs. implementing FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) - parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records.

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Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions

The school district is legally responsible for the safety of its students during the school day. Therefore, the Principal will establish procedures to validate requests for early dismissal, to assure that students are released only for proper reasons, and only to authorized person(s).

Staff members shall not excuse any student from school prior to the end of the school day, or into any person's custody without the direct prior approval and knowledge of the building Principal, or his or her designee.

In keeping with these precautions, the following procedures will be adhered to:

- The building Principal or designee shall not excuse a student before the end of the school day without a request for early dismissal by the student's parent or guardian.
- Telephone requests for early dismissal of a student shall be honored only if the caller can be positively identified as the student's parent or guardian.
- Children of single-parent families will be released only upon the request to the custodial parent; i.e., the parent whom the court holds directly responsible for the child, and who is identified as such on the school record.

Additional precautions may be taken by the school administration, appropriate to the age of students, and as needs arise. Parents shall provide documentation concerning parental rights, including divorce decrees and restraining orders if any.

Restricting Recreational Use of School Grounds by Motorized Recreational Vehicles

The Board of Education declares that the grounds of the school (including roads and parking lots) are off limits to use at all times by scooters, minibikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, or other recreational type vehicles.