

## **SEPARATED/DIVORCED PARENTS POLICY**

I. School Neutrality/Parent Responsibility: The Viborg-Hurley School District shall maintain strict neutrality between parents who are involved in an action involving the family (separation/divorce proceeding/divorced), as it is the intent of the District to promote the best interests of each student enrolled in its schools in partnership with both parents, unless otherwise directed by Court Order. Should there be an event (i.e., parent's night, senior night, graduation, etc.) when parents are recognized, the district shall recognize both natural parents unless parental rights have been terminated by a court or the noncustodial parent in writing has waived his/her right to be recognized. It is the responsibility of the parent wishing to restrict a parental right to notify the District of any Court Order affecting student contact/student visitation and/or student records by submitting a certified copy of the Court Order to the Superintendent of Schools and a copy to the child's school building principal.

II. Student Contact/Student Visitation During School Hours: Unless a parent gives notification pursuant to paragraph 1, the District will assume that both parents have the right to contact and visit his or her child at school. For purposes of this provision, the Court Order restricting any right of contact and/or visitation needs to specifically restrict the right and a general Order granting physical custody to one parent will not be deemed as sufficiently specific as to prohibit the noncustodial parent's right to contact and/or visit the child while the child is at school.

III. Release of Student to Noncustodial Parent: The District will not authorize a student enrolled in the District to leave the school premises with a noncustodial parent during school hours without the permission of the parent having primary physical custody of the child. For purposes of this provision, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the District with a copy of the Court Order granting custody pursuant to paragraph 1.

IV. Release of Student Records. Pursuant to federal law (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) both parents, regardless of marital status, have the right to access and have copies of student records and discuss the same with appropriate school employees, unless there is a Court Order specifically restricting this right of access. Any Court Order restricting the release of confidential student records to a parent is to be submitted to the District pursuant to paragraph 1.