POLICY#: 491

**SECTION: STUDENT** 

## CHILDREN OF DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTS

The Colby School District encourages parent participation and involvement in the education of their children. When parents are involved in a legal action affecting the family such as divorce or legal separation, it is important for the district to have the information necessary to make appropriate decisions regarding the child's school program and parent involvement with the schools. The district shall maintain strict neutrality between parents who are involved in a legal action affecting the family, unless otherwise directed by court order. It is the responsibility of a student's parents to notify the district of any such court order. Absent that information, the school district will not make changes in the current or pre-separation status of the child.

Either parent may view their child's school records, receive school progress reports and school mailings, attend parent/teacher conferences and visit the child at school unless the parent has been denied periods of physical placement with the child or a court order, or other court document provides otherwise.

The school principal shall not allow a parent to remove a child from school if the school has been notified that the parent has been denied periods of physical placement with the child by court order or other court document.

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