**Fremont Board Policy** **52B.8b**
**65E.4b**

## REQUEST TO CONTACT PUPILS

Any person, other than a school employee, who wishes to contact a pupil, either by telephone or in person, must first obtain permission from the building principal, or other person in authority before doing so. Such permission shall not be granted unless the person making the request can present acceptable reasons for contacting the pupil.

Under no circumstances will permission be granted for taking a pupil from school unless the person making such request can prove to the principal, his/her identity, relationship to the student, and adequate justification for the action.

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### Child Custody Considerations

As educators, we increasingly find ourselves dealing with children who come to us from divorce situations. Occasionally these situations involve heated battles for the custody of children, and we find ourselves caught in the middle between the estranged parents. While each of these situations presents a unique set of circumstances, there are some general principles that can give us direction when dealing with these situations.

1. The most important overarching principle is that we are not in the business of being referees or judges, and we should resist all attempts to place us in a situation where we have to take sides with one parent or the other. Questions involving which parent has the right to visit the child, or which parent can take the child from school are questions that we should not have to decide. These questions should be decided either by parents working in the best interests of the child, or by a court of law.

2. In the absence of a legal document denying the rights of one parent or the other, both parents have the right of access to the child, regardless of which parent has actual physical custody.

3. We have a direct responsibility to the parent who has actual physical custody of the child, and who delivers the child to our keeping expecting that we will guard the safety of the child.

4. A parent who delivers a child to our keeping with the admonition that the other parent should never be allowed to have access to that child, needs to present us with a legal document ordering that condition.

### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act - Section 99.4

**What are the rights of parents?** An educational agency or institution shall give full rights under the Act to either parent, unless the agency or institution has been provided with evidence that there is a court order, State statute, or legally binding document relating to such matters as divorce, separation, or custody that specifically revokes these rights.

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