



Dear Parent:

Re: Custody Issues

This letter will address the procedures that the Wentzville R-IV School District applies when presented with custody issues. The District encourages the participation of all parents in the education process. The District understands that parents who are separated or divorced, or who have never been married, may have legally defined responsibilities and/or limitations regarding participation in their child's education; therefore, the District is providing this information with the hope of developing a cooperative partnership between the school and all parents.

While you are free to provide custody orders and parenting plans to your child's school, the District is not a party to these court orders. Therefore, the District cannot be expected to enforce these orders. Unless a court order is provided that clearly states that parental rights have been terminated or that a parent cannot have any contact with a student, the District cannot deny a parent access to his or her child.

The District would also like to remind you that under state and federal law, both parents generally have a right to access the educational records of their child. Absent a specific court order to the contrary, the District must provide access to a student's educational records when requested by a parent. Additionally, under most circumstances, both parents may be included in school conferences and may be present for school activities in which the student participates.

Finally, please be aware that the safety and well-being of your child is and will remain the District's first priority. The information above is provided to facilitate the District's commitment to that priority. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curtis Cain".

Dr. Curtis Cain
Superintendent
Wentzville R-IV School District
C: Building Principal