

## **Custody Law Notification**

Custody disputes must be handled by the courts. By law, if parents are legally separated or divorced, each parent has equal rights to the custody of the children unless one of them has a signed court order that indicates otherwise. The school has no legal right to refuse biological parent's access to their children and/or school records.

If a parent has a signed, current court order limiting the other parent, or any other person, the school must have a copy of the court order on file. If a copy is not on file, the school is required by law to release children to their parents with proper identification. Situations that put the welfare of students in question will be handled at the discretion of the Principal/designee. In situations that become a disruption to the school, the Council Grove Police Department or the Wabaunsee County Sheriff will be contacted, and an officer will be requested to intervene.

Parents are asked to make every attempt not to involve schools in custody matters. Please have current information on file for your children.