

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION POLICY and PROCEDURES

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No. 733 CHILDREN OF DIVORCED PARENTS AND CHILDREN OF FOSTER PARENTS	April 1, 1996	April 29, 1997	1

It shall be the policy of the Tri-County Regional Centre for Education to permit access to children by non-custodial parent as outlined in the attached procedure.

PROCEDURE Under Policy **733**

- If it is known that the parents of a child are divorced or separated, the custodial parent(s) are invited to provide a certified copy of the custody order or agreement for the school's information.
- Unless the school has a copy of a custody order or agreement which prohibits the access parent from seeing the child(ren) at the school, or unless the principal believes that such visitation would be disruptive to the school, the students, or the children, the access parent may see the children at school at reasonable times and may attend or participate in school activities or programs where parents are invited.
- Access parents may not remove the child(ren) from the school without the custodial parent's express written permission, however in the case of a medical emergency the access parent may give permission where the custodial parent cannot be contacted.
- 4 For purposes of decision-making and granting of permission for school programs and activities, the Tri-County Regional Centre for Education shall deal only with the custodial parent.
- 5 With foster children, only the legal guardian is to have access to the child at school.
- Parents of children placed in foster care are to arrange with Child and Family Services for a meeting with their child.