



## Grace Christian School Of Armstrong County

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### **Divorce/Separation: School Role**

**Regarding:** Grace Christian School's position when parents separate and/or divorce or are separated or divorced.

This is to clarify the school's role in the custody status of you and your child. The school is not and will not be a part of any dispute which may arise between a child's parents. While we will try to act compassionately at what must be a very traumatic event for each one involved, our primary concern is for the nurture and care of the child and to provide a spiritually and emotionally safe environment conducive for learning.

The school assumes the following:

- Either parent may receive notification of any school event, any activity in which the child is involved, any information regarding grading, attendance and behavior.
- Either parent may attend any field trip, program, or open house and may speak to anyone at the school regarding the child about any topic regarding the child.
- In the case of a child being withdrawn, any money paid to the school will be returned to the party who has delivered the check to the school, regardless of the account name unless we are notified in writing. If we cannot determine the appropriate party, we will write a single joint check, naming both parents and any dispute will have to be handled between the two parties.

The parent who registers the child in school is the custodial parent.

Until we receive custody or other order modifying the above, we will act according to the above guidelines. Just because you are separated and a child is in your care, you must not assume that we are aware of any "court proceedings" until they are provided to us.

Unless your custody order restricts the non-custodial parent from any of this information or access, the school must assume that here is equal access to the above. Until the school obtains a copy of the order which addresses an issue covered above, the school will continue to act as above set out. At no time will the school be responsible for enforcing a restraining order that has not been given to us. We expect that the restrained party will obey the order and we will call the police if that appears to be required.

The school expects each parent to apprise it timely and truthfully of custody status and any change of your address and phone numbers. We will not allow disruptive behavior from a parent any more than we allow it from a child. In the event of confusion or dispute, if we have not been provided the information in a court order, we will do what appears to us to be in the best interest of the child. Our last resort would be to call the

local police to resolve any conflict. We trust that no parent will want to put their child in such an embarrassing and humiliating situation.

Finally, mistakes sometimes happen. By signing below you agree to indemnify and hold Grace Christian School harmless from any such claim unless the school has acted with gross negligence. This school is here to serve the Lord as it educates and cares for your child. We trust that this is your desire regardless of whether you are the custodial parent or not. Please return this form to the school. If there is a custody order, please send a copy to the school or have your attorney fax it to our office.

Signature of Father \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_