

Administrative Procedure 323

STUDENT CUSTODY DISPUTES

Background

The following administrative procedures are to be followed where the legal custody of a child is questioned by a parent or guardian.

Procedures

The Principal shall:

1. Inform the claimant that custody shall remain in the school until the child has left the school property.
2. Indicate that the parent or the guardian will be notified of the custody request.
3. Ensure that both parties are informed that the child will be released only at the end of classes for the morning or afternoon and that the custody dispute is between the respective parents or guardians and does not involve the school.
4. Contact local Police or Child Welfare personnel if concern for the safety of the child is in question.
5. Contact the Superintendent to record details of the demand for custody.

Reference: Section 60, School Act