

## ***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 a biological parent 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 Elk County Sheriff's Department 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.

## ***Race and Ethnicity:***

Each year, every school district in Kansas is required to report student data by race and ethnicity to the Kansas State Department of education, according to categories set by the federal government. Though KSDE does not report individual data to the federal government, the total number of students in various racial and/or ethnic categories is reported. These reports help keep track of changes in student enrollments and ensure that all students receive the educational programs and services to which they are entitled.

Please submit your information in the table included on the Student Enrollment Form. This information, reported as a total number for each category, is required by Kansas State Department of Education and federal regulations for every school district in Kansas. (As per federal requirements, if you choose not to complete part or all of this section, the school is mandated to identify and assign a race and/or ethnicity to the student through an observer identification process.).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this procedure. If you would like to check the student data currently on file for your child, please contact the office of your child's school. For more information about the data reporting categories, please visit KSDE online at <http://www.ksde.org> .