

DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

491-Exhibit

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS IN AN
ACTION AFFECTING THE FAMILY

Please complete and return this questionnaire to your building principal. Be advised that any changes occurring during the course of the school year (following submission of this form) should be brought to the attention of the applicable building principal. It is the parents' responsibility to inform the schools of any change in placement and/or visitation rights. **{NOTE: I deleted the reference to "custodial parent's responsibility" as either parent could provide such information.}** Unless the school has a copy of a court order that restricts the parent rights of a parent, the school will assume that both parents continue to exercise parental rights. **{NOTE: I added the previous statement to emphasize the district's neutral treatment of parents unless legal documentation is provided to the contrary.}**

Parent with whom the child(ren) normally resides:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Other Parent:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

{NOTE: I expanded the previous section so that a single form would include contact information for both parents.}

Type of action (divorce, separation, annulment, custody dispute, support dispute)

Current status of action

County in which action has been filed

Name(s) and school(s) of student(s) affected

Are there any court orders curtailing or restricting the rights and privileges of either parent with respect to his/her right to be kept informed of the student's school progress and activities or to participate in those activities? **{NOTE: I revised the previous statement to refer to either parent.}**

Does the most recent court order affecting your action curtail or restrict either parent from visiting the student at school or picking up the student at school? **{NOTE: I revised the previous statement to refer to either parent, to request information regarding restriction of parental rights and to include information regarding student visitation.}**

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please attach a certified copy of the applicable portion of any such court order pertaining to the two previous questions. **{NOTE: I deleted language requesting an explanation, since the court order would provide that information.}**

Signature _____

Date _____

APPROVED:

NOTE: This exhibit was found in your district's current policy manual (no code - no approval date). I revised it for stylistic reasons and as outlined above. Note

that information found in the July 2005 Legal Comment indicates that a policy of neutrality toward parents with regard to parental authority to make educational decisions about their children in the absence of a court order restricting a parent's rights, may facilitate school personnel's efforts to avoid involvement in parental conflicts around school issues. Does this exhibit as re-written reflect accurately the current position of the board? Due to the sensitive nature of this issue, you may wish to have this exhibit reviewed by district legal counsel. Finally, note that many districts do not include exhibits in the policy manual. (WASB - 11/06)