**REYNOLDSBURG** **CITY** **SCHOOLS**

**Custody,** **Guardianship,** **Parental** **Rights** **General** **Information**

**Welcome** **Center:** 1555 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg OH 43068

Phone: (614) 501-1033, Fax: (614) 501-1049, Email: welcomecenter@reyn.org

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| Ohio Revised Code (ORC) – Section 3109.042 Custody rights of unmarried mother |
| *Effective* *March* *23,* *2015*  Legislation: Senate Bill 207 – 130th General Assembly  (A)**An** **unmarried** **female** **who** **gives** **birth** **to** **a** **child** **is** **the** **sole** **residential** **parent** **and** **legal** **custodian** **of** **the** **child** until a court of competent jurisdiction issues an order designating another person as the residential and legal custodian. A court designating the residential parent and legal custodian of a child described in this section shall treat the mother and father as standing upon an equality when making the designation. |

*If* *you* *are* *the* *biological* *father* *of* *the* *child,* *but* *never* *married* *the* *mother,* *please* *understand* *Reynoldsburg* *City* *Schools* *cannot* *legally* *enroll* *your* *student* *without* *custody* *or* *shared* *parenting* *order* *by* *the* *court.*

MOTION / COURT HEARING SCHEDULED:

In any scenario where a motion for custody or guardianship has been filed with the court and you have been granted a hearing date, **enrollment** **can** **proceed** **with** **a** **tuition** **agreement** **ONLY**.

**This** **tuition** **based** **agreement** **for** **enrolling** **a** **student** **is** **only** **valid** **for** **a** **maximum of sixty (60)** **calendar days** under ORC 3313.64. The case must be fully executed/finalized before the sixty days expire to remain in Reynoldsburg City Schools. This means that your case must have been heard, decided, signed by the appointed magistrate and filed in court. ***Mediation*** ***is*** ***NOT*** ***resolved*** ***until*** ***signed*** ***by*** ***an*** ***appointed*** ***judge*** ***and*** ***filed*** ***in*** ***court.***

During the sixty (60) calendar days, Reynoldsburg City Schools charges tuition for the school session days allowed under the ORC 3317.08. **This** **tuition** **payment** **must** **be** **paid** **in** **full** **prior** **to** **the** **student** **attending** **class.** The daily rate will be determined by the Ohio Department of Education each year. *Tuition* *can* *be* *refunded* *if* *the* *custody,* *shared* *parenting,* *or* *guardianship* *is* *awarded* *before* *the* *sixty* *days* *expire.*

**Franklin** **County** **Clerk** **of** **Courts** 373 S. High Street Floor 4

Columbus, OH 43215 #614-525-3600

**Licking** **County** **Clerk** **of** **Courts** 75 E. Main Street

Newark, OH 43055 #740-670-5392

**Fairfield** **County** **Clerk** **of** **Courts** 224 E. Main Street Suite #212

Lancaster, OH 43130 #740-652-7360

**Notarized** **statements** **/** **Power** **of** **Attorney** **from** **the** **current** **custodial** **parent(s)** **are** **NOT** **acceptable.**

**Changes** **in** **Residency** **or** **Custody**

**Any** **and** **all** **changes** **MUST** **BE** **REPORTED** **to the RCS Welcome Center** **within** **ten** **(10)** **days** **of** **the** **legal** **change.**

Providing information directly to your child’s school is NOT sufficient notification.

*Failure* *to* *present* *such* *documents* *will* *constitute* *a* *falsification* *of* *applications* *and/or* *enrollment* *documents.*

*The* *consequence* *of* *failing* *to* *inform* *the* *Welcome* *Center* *of* *such* *updates* *may* *results* *in* *the* *denial* *of* *all* *or* *new* *open* *enrollment* *applications,* *intra-district* *or* *school* *of* *choice* *requests.*

**Any change in RESIDENCY** - moving anywhere within or out of Reynoldsburg City School District boundaries - requires new proof of residency be presented in the form of a signed lease, settlement statement, or notarized friends or family affidavit, AND a current utility bill, paystub or official mail. No changes in transportation will be made until all required documents are received by the Welcome Center.

**The** **McKinney-Vento** **Homeless** **Assistance** **Act** **defines** **homeless** **children** **and** **youth** **as** **those** **who** **“lack** **a** **fixed,** **regular,** **and** **adequate** **nighttime** **residence”**

**Please** **ask** **to** **speak** **to** **the** **enrollment** **representative** **if** **you** **are** **in** **transitional** **housing.**

**CUSTODY changes** – require finalized court papers to be on file, in accordance with Ohio law -including but not limited to:

Divorce or Dissolution – including both judgment entry and decree,

New, or changes in existing Shared Parenting Plans - including both plan and decree House Bill 130 (Grandparent Power of Attorney) – notarized and FILED, Foster or Kinship placements - ICCA and journal entry

**TERMS** **and** **DEFINITIONS** **Guardianship:** Granted through the court, usually temporary or expiring on the child’s 18th birthday.

This is valid ONLY in the state in which it is granted. ***If*** ***you*** ***are*** ***coming*** ***from*** ***outside*** ***of*** ***Ohio,*** ***you*** ***must*** ***have*** ***jurisdiction*** ***transferred*** ***from*** ***the*** ***original*** ***court*** ***to*** ***an*** ***Ohio*** ***court*** ***before*** ***enrollment*** ***is*** ***possible.***

**Custody:** Granted through the court, usually long term. Temporary or Emergency Orders granted by the court are acceptable for enrollment.

**Reallocation** **of** **Parental** **Rights:** Only the parent designated as School Placement Parent *(or* *similar* *phrasing)* in a divorce or shared parenting agreement may enroll a child in school. District of Residence is determined by that parent’s address. The parent not designated as School Placement Parent must petition the court of original jurisdiction for a Reallocation of Parental Rights *(or* *similar* *phrasing)* requesting that he/she be named as such. This may be done through mediation, *but* *not* *considered* *finalized* *until* *the* *order* *has* *been* *signed* *by* *a* *judge* *and* *filed* *in* *the* *court.*

**Unwed** **Parents:** In the State of Ohio, parental rights default solely to the mother of all children born to unwed couples after January 1, 1998, until otherwise ordered by a court. Fathers must have an affidavit of paternity AND *court-granted* *custodial* *rights* in order to enroll the child in school and participate in any educational decisions both disciplinary and academic.

**House** **Bill** **130** **(Grandparent** **Power** **of** **Attorney):** This is a short term agreement which extends parental rights to biological grandparents without taking any rights away from the custodial parent. It is only valid while a student is residing full-time with the grandparent. The order allows the grandparent to enroll the child in school and attend functions as the custodial parent would. It must be filed in the court and is a quick and inexpensive procedure as opposed to any of the other options above.

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