

WITHHOLDING GRADES, DIPLOMA OR TRANSCRIPTS

When a minor student willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures real or personal property of the district or does not return district property that has been loaned to him/her upon demand of a district employee, the student's parents/guardians may be required to pay the costs of all damages within the limits established pursuant to Education Code 48904. Until the student's parents/guardians have paid for the damages, the Superintendent or designee may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts.

Before withholding the student's grades, diploma and/or transcripts, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the student's parents/guardians in writing of the student's alleged misconduct.

The student shall be afforded due process consistent with procedures established for the expulsion of students.

If the student and parents/guardians are unable to pay for the damages or return the property, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a program of voluntary work for the student in lieu of monetary damages. Upon completion of the voluntary work, the student's grades, diploma and/or transcripts shall be released.

When a student who is transferring into the district has had his/her grades, diploma, and/or transcripts withheld by the previous district, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until notified by the previous district that the decision to withhold has been rescinded.

Upon receiving notice that a student whose grades, diploma, and/or transcripts have been withheld by this district has transferred to another district in California, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student's records to the new district and notify the new district that the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts are being withheld from the student and parents/guardians pursuant to Education Code 48904.

The Superintendent or designee shall also notify the student's parents/guardian in writing that the decision to withhold the student's grades, diploma and/or transcripts will be enforced by the new district.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48904 Liability of parent

48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts of pupils causing property damage or injury; transfer of pupils to new school districts; notice to rescind decision to withhold

48911 Suspension by principal, designee or superintendent

49069 Absolute right to access