

Instruction

Overdue, Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials

When property of the district is lent to students, the Governing Board expects that it shall be returned in a timely manner, with no more than usual wear and tear. If the property has been willfully cut, defaced or otherwise damaged, or if the student refuses to return it at the request of a district employee, the district shall afford the student his/her due process rights and subsequently may withhold the student's grades, diploma and transcripts until the student or parent/guardian has paid all damages. As provided by law, the parent/guardian of a minor shall be liable for all damages caused by the minor's misconduct. (Education Code 48904)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records; Confidentiality)  
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism)

The district will notify the student's parent/guardian of the alleged misconduct before withholding grades, diploma and transcripts. If the parent/guardian or student is unable to pay for the damages or return the property, the district shall provide a program of voluntary work for the student to do instead. When the work is done, the student's grades, transcripts and diploma shall be released.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48904 Willful misconduct; limit of liability of parent or guardian

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

Policy  
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