

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 13 b.

MEETING OF March 26, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY

Motion to approve revisions to BP 5125.3
Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts

REVIEWED BY:

Policy Committee
 Finance

SUBMITTED BY: School Board Policy Committee

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: Michael Robbins, Superintendent, 907 247 2109

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The School Board Policy Committee is proposing approval of revisions to Board Policy 5125.30.

ISSUE/BACKGROUND:

Board Bylaw 9300 states that "The formulation and adoption of written Board policies shall constitute the basic method by which the Board shall govern the school district." Board Policy 0500 and Board Bylaw 9311 both address the ongoing review of district policies and programs by the School Board. The proposed revisions are in line with AASB suggested policy updates

ATTACHMENTS:

- BP 5125.3 Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts (with revisions)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education **approve revisions to Board Policy 5125.3 Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts, in first reading.**"

~~WITHHOLDING GRADES, DIPLOMA OR TRANSCRIPTS~~ ————— ~~BP 5125.30~~

~~When school property has been willfully damaged or not returned upon demand, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian in writing of the responsible student's alleged misconduct and the reparation that is due.~~

~~This notice shall include a statement that the district may withhold grades, progress reports, diploma or transcripts from the student and parent/guardian until reparation is made, except that records will be released to another school district to which the student has transferred.~~

~~(cf. 5131.5—Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)~~

~~(cf. 6161.2—Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials)~~

~~Upon notification that grades, diploma, and/or transcript will be withheld, the student, parents or guardian may request an opportunity to meet with the appropriate school official to receive an explanation of the evidence of property damage and to provide their own evidence disputing the cause of the property damage and/or the amount of damage. This meeting must be requested within five (5) school days of the student/parents' receipt of the notice, or the right to a meeting is waived.~~

~~If the student and parent/guardian 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, *credit towards the bill being calculated by the state minimum wage multiplied by the number of hours worked*. When this voluntary work is completed, the student's grades, diploma or transcripts shall be released. Alternatively, at the Superintendent's discretion, the district may release grades, diploma, or transcript if the student and parent/guardian are unable to pay reparations due to severe financial hardship.~~

~~*Note: School districts may bring a civil action against one or both parents of a student who knowingly or intentionally destroys district property. Parents are liable for damages in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 and are also responsible for the court costs incurred by the district in bringing the action. If the parents have insurance that covers the damages claimed by a school district, and the policy limit is in excess of \$15,000, the district can recover up to \$25,000, or the policy limits, whichever amount is lower.*~~

~~Nothing in this policy is intended to prevent inspection of a student's records by his or her parents or guardians, or by the student if 18 or older.~~

~~Legal Reference:~~

~~————— ALASKA STATUTES~~

~~————— 09.65.255 Liability for acts of minors~~

~~————— 14.03.115 Access to school records by parent, foster parent or guardian~~

~~————— 14.30.710 Required records upon transfer~~

~~————— UNITED STATES CODE~~

~~————— 20 USC 1232g. Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act~~

~~————— CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS~~

~~————— 34 C.F.R. 99.10, Parent inspection of education records~~

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~~Revision Date: 7/23/08~~

~~Revision Date: 1/13/2010~~

~~Revision Date: 9/22/2010~~