

WITHHOLDING OF GRADES, TRANSCRIPTS, OR DIPLOMAS

State law allows the withholding of grades, grade cards, transcripts, or diplomas for failure to make restitution for damaged or lost textbooks, library books, and other school system materials. Grades, grade cards, transcripts, or diplomas may be withheld for failure to pay just debts such as charges in the cafeteria or failure to pay for damages such as those to school buses or lockers and other just debts owed to the school. The Sevier County Board of Education directs that grades, grade cards, transcripts, and/or diplomas be withheld for these situations except when the school principal feels that the child is the victim of uncontrollable circumstances and it would not be appropriate to withhold grades, grade cards, transcripts, and/or diplomas.

Principals must notify the parents in writing of his/her decision to withhold grades, grade cards, transcripts, and/or diplomas and allow them to make appropriate restitution.