

## BP 5035      Withholding of Student Records for Nonpayment of Financial Obligations

Reference:      ***Title 5, Section 59410***

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**NOTE:** *This policy is **legally advised**. Effective January 1, 2020, the Educational Debt Collection Practices Act prohibits Districts from withholding a transcript on the grounds that the student owes a debt.*

The District must provide a student or former student with written notice that he/she/they have failed to pay a financial obligation due to the District before the District commences any activity to collect the debt. It is the students' responsibility to have current contact information on file for this notification to be sent either by mail, e-mail or both.

The District may not withhold grades or transcripts for a student or former student as a consequence of the student's outstanding financial obligation to the District. The District may not withhold registration privileges for a student or former student as a consequence of defaulting on a loan or loans under the Federal Family Education Loan Program only. The District may withhold diplomas as a consequence for a student or former student of defaulting on a loan.

~~Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) students or former students who have been provided with written notice that they have failed to pay a proper fee or financial obligation to the District may have diplomas and registration privileges withheld until the fee(s) have been paid. It is the students' responsibility to have current contact information on file for this notification to be sent either by mail, e-mail or both.~~