

72-5386. School records of pupils, withholding prohibited; school district property, return or payment for, exception. (a) This section shall apply to all school districts and to every pupil of any school district. As used in this section, the term "school records" means transcripts, grade cards, the results of tests, assessments or evaluations, and all other personally identifiable records, files and data directly related to a pupil.

(b) All school district property in the possession of any pupil shall be returned to the proper school district authority or paid for by the pupil upon transfer of the pupil from the school district. The school records of any such pupil shall not be withheld for any reason. A school district authority, upon request, shall provide a fully itemized list of the school district property in the possession of the pupil. In the event that such school district authority receives an affidavit stating that the pupil's parents are unable to return the school district property which is lost or missing, such school district authority shall note in the school records of the pupil that the pupil has complied with the provisions of this section. In the event that a school district authority receives an affidavit from the board of education of another school district or from the governing authority of a nonpublic school stating that a pupil's records are being requested as proof of identity of the pupil pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-53,106, and amendments thereto, such school district authority shall forward a certified copy of that part of the pupil's records which provides information regarding the identity of the pupil.

(c) The school records of each pupil are the property of the pupil and shall not be withheld by any school district. Upon request of a pupil or the parent of a pupil, the school records of the pupil shall be given to such pupil or parent, or, upon transfer of the pupil to another school district or to a nonpublic school, shall be forwarded to such school district or nonpublic school. A pupil's records forwarded to another school district due to transfer will include original copies of all the students records, including transcripts, grade cards, results of tests, assessments or evaluations, and all other personally identifiable records, files and data directly related to the pupil.

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