

Last Minute Memorandum

To: STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Date: June 10, 2003

From: Judy Pinegar, CDE Waiver Office

Re: ITEM # WC-1

Subject REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO WAIVER REQUEST

In an effort to assist as many California High Schools to be able to appropriately recognize (with the actual diploma instead of a “placeholder”!!) the Golden State Exam Award recipients from this year’s graduating seniors, waivers from Districts were accepted up until the last minute for this State Board Agenda Item.

Addition of District requesting Waivers:

See attached list of districts and waiver numbers that are added to this request.

Addition to the Summary of Previous Board Action:

At the MAY 8, 2003, State Board of Education (SBE) meeting members approved the method described by the California Department of Education for a Golden State Exam “Senior Waiver Process” as a Board Waiver Policy so that all future waivers may be placed on the Consent Calendar of the SBE Agenda.

Correction to the Summary of Key Issues:

The WC-1 Waiver item referenced attaching a “sample certification,” but this document was not used by these particular districts. Instead, attached is a “sample waiver” form that all these districts completed as required.

GENERAL WAIVER REQUEST- Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

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LEA:	Contact/recipient of approval/denial notice:	Contact Person's E-Mail Address:
Address: (City) (State) (ZIP)	CA	Phone (and extension, if necessary): () - x Fax Number: () -
Period of Request: (month/day/year)	Local Board Approval date: (Required)	Date of Public Hearing: (Required)
For: 2002-2003 school year		

LEGAL CRITERIA

1. Under the General Waiver Authority of Education Code 33050-33053, the particular Education Code or California Code of
 Topic of the waiver: Golden State Seal Merit Diploma; Golden State Exam requirement

***E.C. 51451 Qualifications for diploma.** A student who meets the following requirements shall qualify for a Golden State Seal Merit Diploma:*

- (a) *The completion of all requirements for a high school diploma.*
- (b) *A demonstration of the mastery of the curriculum in at least six subject matter areas, four of which shall be mathematics, English language arts, science, and United States history, with the remaining two subject matter areas selected by the student.*

2. Position of the Bargaining Unit. Does the district have any employee bargaining units? No Yes If yes, please complete required information below:

Date(s) the bargaining unit(s) was (were) consulted: _____

Name of bargaining unit persons(s) consulted: : _____

The position(s) of the bargaining unit(s) was/were: Neutral Support Oppose *(Please summarize below)*

Comments (if appropriate): _____

3. Public Hearing Requirement: (A public hearing is not simply a board meeting, but a properly noticed public hearing held during a board meeting at which time the public may testify on the waiver proposal. Distribution of local board agenda does not constitute notice of a public hearing. Acceptable ways to advertise include: (1) print a notice that includes the time, date, location, and subject of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation; or (2) in small school districts, post a formal notice at each school and three public places in the district. **How was the required public hearing advertised?**

Notice in a newspaper? Notice posted at each school? Other: _____ *(Please summarize below.)*

4. District/Parent Advisory Committee: Please identify the council(s) or committee that reviewed this waiver:

_____ Date _____

There were objection(s) *(Please summarize the objection(s))* _____

No Objections

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5. Desired outcome/rationale.

Due to cancellation of the spring administration of the Golden State Examinations (GSEs) as a part of the current year budget cuts, many seniors are not able to complete the following requirement as of EC 51451:

To be eligible for the 2003 Golden State Diploma, seniors must:

- 1) Be receiving a high school diploma from their district.
- 2) Have earned achievement levels of 4 (recognition), 5 (honors), or 6 (high honors) on **six Golden State Examinations including U.S. history; reading/literature or written composition; a mathematics exam; a science exam; and two other exams of the student's choice.**

GSE subjects included:

Reading/Literature, Written Composition, First-year Algebra, Geometry, High School Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Second-year Coordinated Science, U.S. History, Economics, Government/Civics, Second-year Spanish Language.

Therefore, the State Board of Education will consider a General Waiver, called the Senior Waiver, to **also** allow students to be certified "as meeting the GSE requirements," provided that districts certify that students they recommend for the Golden Seal Merit Diploma meet the following requirements:

2003 Senior Waiver: This waiver is available to seniors who were prevented from meeting the above requirements due to GSE program reductions.

To be eligible for the 2003 Golden State Diploma, seniors must:

- 1) Be receiving a high school diploma from their district.
- 2) Have earned achievement levels of 4 (recognition), 5 (honors), or 6 (high honors) on **four or more** of the six required Golden State Examinations.
- 3) Be granted a waiver by the State Board of Education (SBE) to **use ONLY up to two 2002 California Standards Tests (CSTs), with scale scores no lower than 350**, to meet the subject-area requirements identified in Option ONE, number 2. To obtain a waiver, a CST scale score may be used only if the student **has not previously taken the GSE** for which the CST will substitute. The following are the CST's that may be used for this waiver: Grade 11 English Language Arts, Grade 11 History/Social Science (United States History), High School Mathematics, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Integrated Mathematics 1, 2, or 3, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science.
- 4) Students must still have achieved GSE recognition or CST's with scale scores no lower than 350 for a **total of six subject matter areas, four of which shall be mathematics, English language arts, science, and United States history**, with the remaining **two subject matter areas selected** by the student.

CERTIFICATION:

• I request that ALL qualifying 2002-03 graduates in our district be granted a waiver under the criteria of the 2003 Senior Waiver.

• I certify that all students submitted to Education Data Systems, Inc. (EDS, Inc.) have met either the existing requirements to be eligible for the Golden State Merit Seal Diploma, or the requirements of the 2003 Senior Waiver

Signature of Superintendent or Designee:	Title:	Date:
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Signature:	Title: Administrator, CDE Waiver Office	Date:

Golden State Examination Senior Waiver Certification

Waiver #	LEA	Local Board Approval	Certification Received
CDSIS-5-6-2003	Atascadero USD	5/20/2003	6/6/2003
CDSIS-55-5-2003	Beverly Hills USD	5/27/2003	5/30/2003
CDSIS-14-6-2003	Cabrillo USD	6/5/2003	6/6/2003
CDSIS-24-6-2003	Calpatría USD	6/9/2003	6/10/2003
CDSIS-9-6-2003	Fall River Joint USD	6/4/2003	6/5/2003
CDSIS-34-5-2003	Glendale USD	5/6/2003	5/27/2003
CDSIS-25-6-2003	Glendora USD	6/9/2003	6/10/2003
CDSIS-31-5-2003	Grossmont Union High SD	4/30/2003	5/27/2003
CDSIS-16-6-2003	Jurupa USD	6/2/2003	6/6/2003
CDSIS-50-5-2003	Lakeport USD	5/22/2003	5/29/2003
CDSIS-2-6-2003	Linden High School	5/28/2003	6/2/2003
CDSIS-49-5-2003	Long Beach USD	5/20/2003	6/10/2003
CDSIS-48-5-2003	Milpitas USD	5/27/2003	5/28/2003
CDSIS-18-5-2003	Modesto City High SD	5/12/2003	5/16/2003
CDSIS-4-6-2003	Moreno Valley USD	5/27/2003	6/2/2003
CDSIS-11-6-2003	Napa Valley USD	6/4/2003	6/5/2003
CDSIS-3-6-2003	Oxnard Union High SD	5/28/2003	6/2/2003
CDSIS-8-6-2003	Placer Union High SD	6/3/2003	6/5/2003
CDSIS-47-5-2003	Porterville USD	5/22/2003	6/2/2003
CDSIS-38-5-2003	Redondo Beach USD	6/10/2003	6/9/2003
CDSIS-26-5-2003	Saddleback Valley USD	5/13/2003	5/16/2003
CDSIS-12-6-2003	San Bernardino City USD	6/3/2003	6/5/2003
CDSIS-28-5-2003	Santa Barbara High SD	5/13/2003	5/20/2003
CDSIS-46-5-2003	Sonora Union High SD	5/20/2003	5/27/2003
CDSIS-15-6-2003	South Pasadena USD	6/5/2003	6/6/2003
CDSIS-39-5-2003	Walnut Valley USD	5/21/2003	5/22/2003
CDSIS-10-6-2003	Vallejo City USD	6/4/2003	6/6/2003
CDSIS-21-6-2003	Lemoore Union High	6/12/2003	6/9/2003