



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JULY 2004 AGENDA

Specific Waiver

<p>SUBJECT</p> <p>Request by Needles Unified School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) 51224.5(b), the requirement that all students graduating in the 2003-04 school year be required to complete a course in Algebra I (or equivalent) to be given a diploma of graduation for 4 (four) special education students based on EC 56101, the special education authority.</p> <p>Waiver Number: 5-6-2004</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent

RECOMMENDATION

Approval Approval with conditions Denial

For 4 (four) students based on EC 56101 is granted for the 2003-04 school year. This waiver removes only the requirement that these students successfully complete a course in Algebra I (or its equivalent). These students must meet other course requirements stipulated by the governing board of the school district of enrollment and by EC 51225.3 in order to receive a high school diploma.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

In 2000, legislation was enacted to require students as a condition of receiving a high school diploma to complete Algebra I. The Algebra I requirement applies beginning with students graduating in 2003-04.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

This waiver removes only the requirement that these students successfully complete a course in Algebra I (or its equivalent) in order to receive a diploma of graduation.

The California Department of Education staff has confirmed with the district that these students are not currently enrolled in Algebra I, nor have they successfully completed a course in Algebra I (or its equivalent).

The district has provided documentation or certification that these students have been on a diploma track throughout their high school career.

These students did not have the opportunity to complete Algebra I as the result of improper counseling or other failure by the local education agency in which the school is located. This unfortunate circumstance would otherwise prohibit these students from graduating.

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Authority for the Waiver: EC 56101

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): Consultation is not required for this waiver.

Position of bargaining unit(s) (choose only one): None

Neutral

Support

Oppose

Name of bargaining unit(s)/representative(s): N/A

Local board approval date(s): April 13, 2004

Period of request: 2003-04 school year

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

There will be no fiscal impact to the state if this waiver is approved.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Action Item: Some documentation is available for web viewing. Waiver forms and other hard copy documents are available for viewing at the Waiver Office or State Board Office.