

GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 2003 AGENDA
Item No. WC-1

TITLE: Request by Simi Valley Unified School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> section 52522(b) to increase their adult education state block entitlement of 5 percent to 7 percent for implementation of approved programs (Adult Education Innovation and Alternative Instructional Delivery Program).	<hr/> ACTION <hr/> INFORMATION <hr/> PUBLIC HEARING <hr/> X CONSENT
CDSIS: 3-12-2002	

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends:

Approval, for one day less than two years so that E.C. 33051(c) will NOT apply, prior to renewal the district must document achievement of students in the new program that is equal to or better than that of students in the regular adult education program.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

In June 2001 the State Board of Education (SBE) approved a request by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to waive *Education Code* section 52522(b) to increase their adult education state block entitlement of 5 percent to 7 percent for implementation of an approved Adult Innovation and Alternative Instructional Delivery Program. In March 2002, SBE approved a waiver guideline policy for this program that includes four requirements and a special consideration for waiver renewal requests.

Under those guidelines this waiver can be approved on consent for a non-permanent waiver.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

In 1993 the California Legislature passed *Education Code* section 52522 permitting the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve adult school plans to spend up to **5 percent** of their block entitlement on innovation and alternative instructional delivery. Application requirements include reimbursement and accountability worksheets for all courses. Courses must be approved by CDE per *Education Code* section 52515, and certification of an approved attendance accountability system is required. All ten mandated adult education program areas are eligible, however, the majority of approved applications offer coursework in Elementary Basic Skills, English as a Second Language (ESL), Citizenship, and Parent Education.

Lower level adult learners are the primary beneficiaries of the Adult Education Innovation and Alternative Instructional Delivery Program. Checking out video and print materials, a decidedly low cost, low-tech approach, has been the most prevalent intervention, however, approved

alternative instructional delivery modes also include live cable broadcast, audio check-out, text, workbook and study packet assignments, and computer-based delivery.

Simi Valley Unified School District has submitted all items requested in the SBE waiver guideline and the review of documentation supports waiver approval. Therefore, **CDE recommends approval of this waiver request** on the basis of this information for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 29, 2004 fiscal year so that E.C. 33051(c) will not apply.

CONDITION OF RENEWAL

In order to be granted a renewal of this waiver, a district must also provide documentation demonstrating achievement of students in the adult education innovation and new technologies delivery program that is equal to or better than that of students in the regular adult education state apportionment program.

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: **November 1, 2002 and November 6, 2002**

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral - CSEA **Support - SEA** **Oppose**

Name bargaining unit representative: **Carla Dickson, President, Ca School Employees Assoc (CSEA)**

Arlene Kidd, President Simi Educators

Association (SEA)

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

posting in a newspaper **posting at each school** **other**

(specify) _____

Public hearing held on: **November 12, 2002**

Local board approval date: **November 12, 2002**

Advisory committee(s) consulted: **Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute Site Council**

Objections raised (choose one): **None** **Objections are attached on separate sheet**

Date consulted: **November 4, 2002**

Effective dates of request: **7/1/02 to 6/29/04 (NOTE: District requested 2/01/03 to 6/30/04)**

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):

Approval adjusts the percentage within the District's fixed 2002-2004 adult education block entitlement. No additional funding requested.

Background Information:

Waiver request forms and supporting documents are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.

WAIVER GUIDELINES SUMMARY OF VERIFICATION:

The waiver request includes the following:

1. Verification that all other requirements of the Adult Education Program in the LEA are in current

statutory compliance.

Approval Denial

Simi Valley USD verification submitted and on file.

Verification includes Self-study for Adult Education Coordinated Compliance Review, and Adult Education Coordinated Compliance Review. No non-compliant items were identified.

2. **Verification that the ratio of average daily attendance for adult education innovation and alternative instructional delivery pupils to certificated employees responsible for adult education innovation and alternative instructional delivery shall not exceed the equivalent ratio of pupils to certificated employees for all other adult education programs operated by the district.**

Approval Denial

Simi Valley USD verification submitted and on file.

Verification includes data indicating number of student hours, number of teacher hours, number of assistant hours. The ratio slightly exceeds that of the other adult education programs operated by the district but the increase is understandable given the interactivity of the student with on-line tutorial help in addition to face-to-face teacher contact and assessment.

3. **Verification that the district's prior three-year history for annual apportionment indicates growth, stability, or not more than a 4.5 percent decline per year. Changes in the number of students with limited access that may support overall ADA loss in the regular adult education state apportionment program must be documented.**

Approval Denial

Simi Valley USD verification submitted and on file.

Verification indicates stability within the prior three-year history for annual apportionment as well as yearly growth within ESL student enrollment.

4. **A request for an increase of the adult block entitlement from 5 percent to an amount not greater than 7 percent. Information and documentation in all of the following three areas will be required for consideration of the waiver:**

- **Increased Number of Students with Limited Access to Traditional Education Options**

Simi Valley USD verification of increase of ESL population submitted and on file. Prior two years of program have shown enrollment in excess of 5 percent in ESL leaving the growing population under-served.

Approval Denial

- **Increased Program Capacity**

Simi Valley USD verification submitted and on file. Documentation includes the addition of internet access increasing curriculum and access to curriculum.

Approval Denial

- **Improved Student Assessment Documentation**

Simi Valley USD verification submitted and on file. The program has initiated semi-annual independent evaluation and implementation of the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS).

Approval Denial