

GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 2003 AGENDA
Item No. W-3

<p>TITLE: Request by Windsor School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) section 76001(h)(i), the five percent (5%) limit on the number of high school students a principal may recommend for summer school enrollment in a community college. The request is to go up to 12%.</p> <p>CDSIS: CDSIS-37-3-2003</p>	<p><u> X </u> ACTION</p> <p><u> </u> INFORMATION</p> <p><u> </u> PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p><u> </u> CONSENT</p>
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RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends: **CDE Recommendation will follow in the**
 Approval **SBE Supplemental Mailing (green sheets)**
 Denial

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

This is the third waiver received by the California Department of Education (CDE) of this type. This topic relates to a statewide issue of concurrent enrollment of High School Students in Community Colleges.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

Windsor Unified School District (WUSD) is requesting a waiver of a limit on **summer school enrollment in a community college for a concurrently enrolled high school student**. EC 76001(i) specifies that *“The principal of a school shall not recommend a number of pupils who have completed a particular grade in excess of 5 percent of the total number of pupils in the school who have completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation.”* CSRHSD wants to waive the 5% limit, and be allowed to go up to an enrollment of **12% of students completing a grade level by a condition of the waiver (revised downward from 25% by district request)**.

This waiver is for this summer school only, in the “hopes that legislative changes can be enacted to more fully address the enrollment cap issue.” In WUSD’s letter regarding the waiver request the Superintendent states, “As a new school, it has very few vocational education courses available to students. Many District students take vocational education courses at the local junior college. Taking these courses increases their chances of being awarded the Doyle Occupational Educational Scholarship available for the junior college” This might appear to be a good thing to consider, since the summer school programs in high schools are being more limited due to focusing on remediation, rather than enrichment classes. However, there is substantial statute guiding the intent and implementation of such concurrent enrollment.

In addition, the Governor has proposed an \$80 million dollar reduction in apportionments to California's community colleges to account for what he considers inappropriate student full time equivalents (FTEs) in concurrent enrollments with the K-12 system. It is the Governor's concern that these enrollment programs are being double reported or claimed. The Department of Finance, in cooperation with Thomas Nussbaum, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, is currently investigating these concerns. If student FTEs have been double claimed, the community colleges would need to reduce the apportionments accordingly.

If the Governor and the legislature move forward with the \$80 million reduction statewide, the community colleges will be serving 50,000-60,000 student FTEs with no funding support. The Interim Vice-Chancellor of Educational Services for the California Community Colleges has informed Chief Financial Officers in colleges, that the Governor has started an audit of high school concurrent enrollment at community colleges. The Chancellor's office has asked all campuses for a "self-study" of their concurrent enrollment practices and to document all activity in this area.

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: Windsor District Educators Association -2/21/03

CSEA#673 – 2/25/03

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral **Support** Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: **(names not provided)**

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

posting in a newspaper **posting at each school** **(other) Superintendents Office**

Public hearing held on: 3/4/2003 Local board approval date: 3/4/2003

Advisory committee(s) consulted:

Objections raised (choose one): None

Date consulted: February 19, 2003

Windsor High School Site Council

Effective dates of request: 6/1/2003 to 9/1/2003 (three months)

Fiscal Analysis: To be in the supplemental mailing on this waiver.

Background Information: Waiver request forms and supporting documents are attached.