



# CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MAY 2004 AGENDA

**Specific Waiver**

<p><b>SUBJECT</b> Requested by <b>Yolo County Special Education Plan Area (SELPA)</b> to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 51224.5(b), the requirement that all students graduating in the 2003-04 year be required to complete a course in Algebra 1 (equivalent) in order to give a diploma of graduation to <b>1 (one)</b> special education student attending the <b>California School for the Deaf, Fremont (CSDF)</b> based on EC 56101, the special education authority.</p> <p>Waiver Number: 118-4-2004</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Action</b></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent</b></p>

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval  Approval with conditions  Denial

That the request is granted for the 2003-04 school year only. This waiver removes only the requirement that this student successfully complete a course in Algebra 1 (or its equivalent). This student 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 2001, legislation was enacted to require students as a condition of receiving a high school diploma to complete Algebra 1. The Algebra 1 requirement applies beginning with students graduating in 2003-04.

**SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

While this student actually attends the California School for the Deaf, Fremont, the local SELPA, Yolo County may request a waiver under EC 546101 pursuant to the students Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This waiver removes only the requirement that this student must successfully complete a course in Algebra 1 (or its equivalent) in order to receive a diploma of graduation.

This student is currently enrolled in Basic Algebra (an equivalent course to Algebra 1). The CSDF has provided documentation or certification that this student has been on a diploma track throughout his high school career.

This student may not successfully complete their Basic Algebra course because of learning disabilities specified in his Individualized Education Plans. This circumstance would otherwise prohibit this student from graduating.

**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):** Not required for this waiver.

Neutral                       Support                       Oppose

**Name of bargaining unit(s)/representative(s):** Not required for this waiver.

**Local board approval date(s):** April 6, 2004 (SELPA Signature)

**Period of request:** 2003-04 School Year

**FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)**

There will be no adverse 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 the State Board Office.