



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MAY 2004 AGENDA

Specific Waiver

<p>SUBJECT Requested by Oakland Unified School District 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 2 (two) special education students attending the California School for the Deaf, Fremont (CSDF) based on EC 56101, the special education authority.</p> <p>Waiver Number: 119-4-2004</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent

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 these two students successfully complete a course in Algebra 1 (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 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 these students actually attend California Schools for the Deaf, Fremont (CSDF) the local district, Oakland Unified may request this waiver under EC 56101, pursuant to the students Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This waiver removes only the requirement that these students must successfully complete a course in Algebra 1 (or its equivalent) in order to receive a diploma of graduation.

These students are currently enrolled in Basic Algebra (an equivalent course to Algebra 1). The CSDF has provided documentation or certification that these students have been on a diploma track throughout their high school career.

These students may not successfully complete their Basic Algebra course because of learning disabilities specified in their respective Individualized Education Plans. This circumstance would otherwise prohibit these students 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 7, 2004 (State Administrator 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.