



# CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MAY 2004 AGENDA

**Specific Waiver**

<p><b>SUBJECT</b> Request by <b>various Special Education Plan Areas (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 special education student attending the <b>California School for the Deaf Riverside (CSDR)</b>. <b>This is a placeholder for special education waivers to be added in a Last Minute Memorandum.</b></p> <p>Waiver Number: various</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 the listed students successfully complete a course in Algebra 1 (or its equivalent). These student must meet other course requirements stipulated by the CSDR 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 1. The Algebra 1 requirement applies beginning with students graduating in 2003-04.

**SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

While the students actually attend one of the two Schools for the Deaf, the local Special Education Plan Area (SELPA) 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 student may or may not be currently enrolled in Algebra I (or equivalent.) The State Special School responsible for these students has provided documentation or certification that this student has been on a diploma track throughout his high school career.

These student may not successfully complete their Algebra course because of learning disabilities specified in their IEP. This circumstance would otherwise prohibit these student from graduating.

**Authority for the Waiver:** EC 56101