



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MAY 2004 AGENDA

Specific Waiver

<p>SUBJECT</p> <p>Request by various local educational agencies 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 I (equivalent) to be able to give a diploma of graduation to special education students based on EC 56101, the special education authority. This is a placeholder for special education waivers to be added in a Last Minute Memorandum.</p> <p>Waiver Number: various</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Consent</p>
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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 students successfully complete a course in Algebra I (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 2000, legislation was enacted to require students as a condition of receiving a high school diploma to complete Algebra I. The Algebra I requirement applies beginning with students graduating in 2003-04.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

This waiver removes only the requirement that these special education students must successfully complete a course in Algebra I (or its equivalent) in order to receive a diploma.

These students may or may not be currently enrolled in Algebra I, and they have not otherwise successfully completed a course in Algebra I (or its equivalent). The individualized educational plan (IEP) for each student must provide documentation that these students have been on diploma track throughout their high school career.

These students did not have the opportunity to complete Algebra I as the result of improper counseling or other failure by the local educational agency in which the school is located. This unfortunate circumstance would otherwise prohibit these students from graduating.

Authority for waiver: EC 56101