



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MAY 2004 AGENDA

General Waiver

<p>SUBJECT</p> <p>Request by 163 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 (or equivalent) to be given a diploma of graduation (waiver for 12,728 seniors.)</p> <p>Waiver Number: (see attached list of districts)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Action</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
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RECOMMENDATION

Approval **Approval with conditions** **Denial**

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

At the January 2004 State Board of Education (SBE) meeting, a waiver request was considered from the Santa Cruz City Schools pertaining to a provision of law enacted in 2001, that became operative in 2003-04, requiring students to complete Algebra I (or its equivalent¹) as a condition of receiving a high school diploma. In March 2004, the SBE approved a Waiver Policy for Algebra¹, Number 04-01. This policy now allows the attached waivers meeting certain conditions and reviewed by the Executive Director of the SBE to be presented on the consent calendar.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Attached is a spreadsheet which lists the 163 local educational agencies (LEAs) who have requested the Algebra I Graduation requirement be waived to award diplomas for 12,728 students who are otherwise qualified students in the Class of 2004, and lack only the completion of Algebra I. LEAs have also provided proof that they have notified the students and parents class of 2005 of this requirement and that they understand the SBE does not intend to consider consent waivers of this type in the future.

The list of LEAs includes information about whether or not the district knew about the graduation requirement for Algebra, whether or not most seniors were notified of the requirement, the category of students who needed the waiver and the number of seniors for whom a waiver is requested for the 2003-2004 school year.

The LEAs have certified that all students are currently enrolled in a course to meet the standards of Algebra I, and that students are being encouraged to complete the course. If the completion of this course in algebra is the only graduation requirement that is

¹ *Education Code* Section 51225.4(b) specifies in effect that students must complete the content of Algebra I, which may be in the form of a specific course by that name or a series of integrated mathematics courses (typically also including the content of Geometry and Algebra II). Where these guidelines use the term "Algebra I," the broader meaning just described is intended.

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missing, these students will be allowed to receive a diploma for graduation. Information about the reasons these students need the waiver, and a list of the approved students by student identifier have been reviewed and are in the CDE Waiver Office.

Authority for Waiver: *Education Code* (EC) Section 33050

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): various

Position of bargaining unit(s) (choose only one): **various**

Neutral Support Oppose

Public hearing held on date(s): Dates provided on each individual waiver.

Local board approval date(s): Dates provided each individual waiver.

Advisory committee(s) consulted: Dates provided each individual waiver.

Period of request: All waivers are for the 2003-2004 school year only

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

There is no statewide fiscal impact if these waivers are approved.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Consent Item: Backup materials, waiver request forms and supporting documents are not available for web viewing but are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.

Algebra I Waiver - Summary District Information

District Name	Known of	Prev. Notice	Comply	Seniors	Needing	This Waiver		No. of
Waiver No.	Statute	to most 2004	to all	Reg.	Alt. Ed.	Spec. Ed	Adult Ed.	seniors
	Change	seniors	Conditions					
Black Oak Mine USD Waiver No: 43-2-2004	yes	yes	yes	x	x	x		14
Bonita USD Waiver No: 176-3-2004	yes	yes	yes		x	x	x	71
Brea Olinda USD Waiver No: 156-3-2004	yes	yes	yes			x		10
Butte COE Waiver No: 100-4-2004	yes	yes	yes		x			51
Calexico USD Waiver No: 130-3-2004	yes	yes	yes	x	x	x		111
Calipatria USD Waiver No: 51-3-2004	yes	yes	yes			x		2
Campbell Union HSD 158-3-2004	yes	yes	yes	x	x	x		156
Capistrano USD Waiver No: 131-3-2004	yes	yes	yes	x	x	x	x	238
Carpinteria USD Waiver No: 39-3-2004	yes	yes	yes	x		x		33

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	Change	seniors	Conditions					
Downey Unified SD Waiver No: 78-4-2004	yes	yes	yes	x		x	x	10
Duarte USD Waiver No: 38-3-2004	yes	yes	yes	x		x		24
Dublin USD Waiver No: 52-4-2004	yes	yes	yes	x				22
East Side Union HSD Waiver No: 104-3-2004	yes	yes	yes			x		294
Emery Unified SD Waiver NO: 84-4-2004	yes	yes	yes			x		5
Escalon Unified SD Waiver No: 185-3-2004	yes	yes	yes			x		12
Eureka City USD Waiver No: 19-4-2004 Counseling Errors	no	no	yes	x	x	x		78
Fallbrook Union HSD Waiver No: 35-4-2004	yes	yes	yes	x	x	x		58
Fall River Jt. USD Waiver No: 35-2-2004	no	no	yes	x		x		21

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Willits USD	yes	yes	yes	x				2
Waiver No: 140-3-2004								
Yosemite Union HSD	yes	yes	yes	x	x	x		26
Waiver No: 149-3-2004								
Yuba City USD	yes	yes	yes	x	x	x	x	82
Waiver No: 41-4-2004								
Yucaipa-Calimesa Jt. USD	yes	no	yes			x		37
Waiver No: 97-4-2004								
							TOTAL	12728