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Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students With Disabilities

Waiver of California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) for Students With a Disability

The school principal making the waiver request shall complete the following form and submit the supporting documentation:

1. CAHSEE Waiver Cover Sheet: Information on the Specific Student with a Disability
2. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan reviewed and approved by the student's IEP or 504 team dated prior to the exam that indicates all the accommodations and/or modifications that the student needs to access and participate in statewide assessments.
3. A certified transcript showing sufficient high school level course work either satisfactorily completed or in progress in a high school level curriculum sufficient to have attained the skills and knowledge otherwise needed to pass the high school exit examination.
4. A copy of the CAHSEE Student and Parent Report showing "equivalent of a passing score."

The waiver may only be granted after the examination has been taken and the student has satisfied the above criteria.

Requests for Other Accommodations from the State Department of Education

The school district may file a request for accommodation with the California Department of Education for a case-by-case determination of the use of accommodations that are not included in section 1217(b) of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Requests must be received by the California Department of Education at least nine (9) weeks in advance of the pupil's or adult student's proposed administration of the high school exit examination.

The request for accommodation must include:

1. A description of the pupil's or adult student's disability or disabilities.
2. A description of the requested accommodation.



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3. A statement that the pupil's or adult student's individualized education program team or 504 plan team has determined that the requested accommodation is appropriate and necessary to address the pupil's or adult student's identified disability or disabilities.
4. An explanation of how the requested accommodation would allow the pupil or adult student to access the high school exit examination.

The California Department of Education shall make a determination of whether the requested accommodation would fundamentally alter what the test measures. The California Department of Education's determination shall be the final administrative decision. The California Department of Education's response should be received in writing at least six (6) weeks in advance of the pupil's or adult student's proposed administration of the high school exit examination.