

Glenn County SELPA

Instruction

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

At the request of a parent or guardian through the IEP, a school principal shall submit a request for a waiver of the requirement to successfully pass the high school exit examination to the Governing Board for a student with a disability who has taken the high school examination with modifications that alter what the test measures and has received the equivalent of a passing score on one or both subject matter parts of the examination.

The Board may waive the requirement to successfully pass one or both subject matter parts of the high school exit examination for a student with a disability if the principal certifies to the Board that the student has all of the following:

- (1) An individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan in place that requires the accommodations or modifications to be provided to the pupil when taking the high school exit examination.
- (2) Sufficient high school level coursework 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.
- (3) An individual score report for the student showing that the student has received the equivalent of a passing score on the high school exit examination while using a modification that fundamentally alters what high school exit examination measures as determined by the State Board of Education.

If packets requesting waivers are completed consistent with the state and local SELPA policies, requests shall be placed on the board consent agenda for approval.

A “modification” is defined as any variation in the assessment environment or process that fundamentally alters what the test measures or affects the comparability of scores.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

60850(f)(5) Definition of modification

60851(c) Waiver of the high school exit examination

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