


# Graduation Requirements under the Exemptions (1806/216)

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## Graduation Requirements: AB 1806

- Ed Code 51220-51230
- Covers 1806 and AB 216/167
- Applies to students experiencing homelessness, students in foster care, former juvenile court school pupils (51225.2), pupil who child of military family (49701), or a pupil who is a migratory child (54441)

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## Exemption

- Exempts from all coursework and other requirements adopted by LEA that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements specified in Section 51225.3
- Student transfers between schools any time after the completion of their second year of high school
- Unless the LEA makes a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the LEA's graduation requirements in time to graduate by the end of the pupil's fourth year of high school.

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## LEA Requirements

- Requires school districts to **take specified action** relative to the exempting of students from additional graduation requirements
  - Notification to the student and parent or ed rights holder, and district liaison if the student qualifies.
  - **Notification is required within 30 calendar days** of the date that a homeless student may qualify.
  - Inform the student of the **option to remain in school for a fifth year**
  - Notify the student and parent or ed rights holder how waived requirements will **affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary institution** and provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

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## Additional Determinations

To determine whether a student is in the third or fourth year of high school:

- either the number of credits the pupil has earned to the date of transfer,
- or the length of the pupil's school enrollment may be used,
- **whichever will qualify** the pupil for the exemption.

If an LEA fails to provide timely notice (30 days), the student is eligible once notified, even if foster care has terminated or student is no longer homeless.


If student completes coursework before the end their 4<sup>th</sup> year and would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, the school district cannot require or request the student graduate before the end of that year.

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## Exemptions

- If a pupil is not exempted from local graduation requirements or has previously declined the exemption pursuant to this section, a LEA shall exempt the pupil at any time if an exemption is requested by the pupil and the pupil qualifies for the exemption.
- **Cannot be revoked**
- **Cannot require or request a student transfer** schools in order to qualify.

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## The 5<sup>th</sup> year

There is no requirement that exemption eligible students (other than those who are subject to compulsory education or served under IDEA) be allowed remain in school for a fifth year to complete the **statewide coursework** requirements.

There is also nothing that would prohibit a school district from doing so.

**Individual student needs** should always be considered by districts when considering this issue.

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## Questions?

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