



Merced Union High School District
Exemption Notification Letter of Graduation Requirements

CIRCLE the most appropriate qualification:

Pupil in Foster Care (AB 167/216)	McKinney-Vento Pupil (AB 1806)	Former Juvenile Court Pupil (AB 2306)	Military Child (AB 365)	Migratory Child/Newly Arrived Immigrant Students (AB 2121)
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Date: _____ **School Official Completing Form:** _____

Student Name: _____ **DOB:** _____ **IEP:** YES or NO

School: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date of Enrollment:** _____

Education Rights Holder: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Probation Officer/Social Worker: _____ **Phone:** _____

Number of Credits at Enrollment: _____ **Credits Req'd for HS Diploma (circle one):** 220 or 210

This notice is to inform you that under AB 167/216, 365, 1806, 2306, and 2121 school districts are required to exempt specific student populations from coursework and other requirements exceeding the State of California minimum high school graduation requirements. This applies to any pupil who is displaced, in foster care, a former juvenile court school pupil, a migratory child, a child of military family, or a pupil participating in a newcomer program who is off track for high school graduation, and transfers after their second year of high school. They may be eligible to graduate by completing the minimum state requirements. Students may not graduate early with the reduced graduation requirements. **The above named student has the following graduation options:**

- The student is eligible for this exemption and may obtain a high school diploma by meeting the state-mandated graduation requirements of 130 credits. Please note that there are advantages and disadvantages to graduating under these bills. While a student may graduate with classmates and receive a regular high school diploma, they may sacrifice important learning opportunities that are necessary to succeed in higher education and employment. Students who graduate under these bills may not be eligible to apply directly to a California State University or University of California school. However, through California Community Colleges the student may gain entry into these university systems.
- Remain in high school for a 5th year, and complete all additional school district graduation requirements. The right to a 5th year of high school applies even if the student will be 19 years old during that additional school year. The student will be allowed to remain at the local high school and will not be required to transfer to a continuation school, independent study program, or adult school to complete the 5th year.
- Attempt to graduate high school at the end of the 4th year by completing all school district graduation requirements. Students may attempt to accomplish this by concurrently enrolling in adult school, a community college, continuation school, or independent study program.
- Acknowledge eligibility, but defer decision until a later date OR remain in school for more than 4 years pursuant to their IEP.

Once the student's Education Rights Holder (ERH) has determined which graduation plan to take, please check the appropriate box above and return this form to the DO Program Manager. Please note that the school district cannot allow a student to graduate under these assembly bills without receiving this document. An 18 year old student or ERH can change their decision on graduating under these assembly bills at any time until the student receives their diploma. Please note that regardless of whether or not a student elects to graduate under these bills, a student has the right and obligation to attend school until age 18, with limited exceptions.

Your signature below indicates that you are aware of the limitations of receiving a diploma under these California laws. This form provides no guarantee that the student has passed or will pass the necessary coursework for graduation. If you have further questions, please contact the student's academic counselor.

Ed. Rights Holder: _____ Date: _____
 (Parent, Legal Guardian, or 18 year old Student/Unaccompanied Homeless Youth sign above)

School Administrator: _____ Date: _____

DO Program Manager: _____ Date: _____