

Dear _____,

California law (Education Code 51225.3) provides that pupils in foster care, prior juvenile court school, housing insecure youth (as defined by McKinney-Vento), and children of military families who transfer high schools any time after the completion of their second year of high school (determined by length of enrollment or credits earned) shall be exempted from Stanislaus County Office of Education's (SCOE) graduation requirements, and instead may obtain a high school diploma by meeting the state mandated graduation requirements UNLESS the district makes a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the district's additional graduation requirements by the end of their 4th year of high school. Students have a right to remain in high school for a 5th year if they are reasonably able to complete the local graduation requirements within that time. Please note that a qualifying school placement change for prior juvenile court school students, is ONLY if the student transfers from a juvenile court school to a new school district that is not supervised by the Juvenile Court.

The counselor at _____ school has determined that _____'s eligibility status for _____ graduation exemption is as follows:

We have determined that you **are eligible** for this exemption and may obtain a high school diploma by meeting the state mandated graduation requirements instead of completing SCOE's graduation requirements. This diploma will not be any different from the SCOE diploma.

We have determined that you **will be able to meet the additional graduation requirements** our district requires by the end of your fourth year of high school, therefore you are not eligible for this exemption. If you believe that this conclusion is in error, a post-transfer re-evaluation of your ability to reasonably meet the additional requirements may be completed upon request. Contact the school counselor if you would like to request a re-evaluation of your eligibility for this exemption. Counselor will evaluate eligibility status on _____.

We have determined that you **are reasonably able to complete the district's graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school**. Therefore, you have the option to remain in high school for a fifth year if you choose to do so.

IMPORTANT: If you are exempted from the District's additional graduation requirements, your ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution may be affected. In order to meet the admission requirements for the California State University or University of California campuses, specific college preparatory courses are required for freshman admission, which are more extensive and rigorous than the state's minimum graduation requirements. California Community Colleges provide the opportunity for students to complete lower division courses that are transferable to a four-year college or university. For additional information about admissions to CSU's or UC's please visit www.CaliforniaColleges.edu or for CCC transfer opportunities please visit www.CaliforniaColleges.edu.

If you have any questions, please call _____, school counselor at _____. By signing this document, you are stating that you understand what is required for graduation and post-secondary options.

Student Name (signature)

Date

Parent/Caregiver/Educational Rights Holder (signature)

Date

School Counselor (signature)

Date