

**Foster/AB/216 - Homeless/AB1806 - Newcomer/AB2121**  
**Diploma Overview for Graduation Exemption**

Guajomer Park Charter complies with the mandates under AB 216 Foster, AB 1806 Homeless, and AB 2121 Newcomer. Existing laws require us to exempt foster care, homeless, military, migrant, and former juvenile court students from all locally adopted coursework that are supplemental to state requirements.

- Qualification - AB 167/216 graduation applies to any youth in foster care or on probation who either removed from the home under Code 309 or subject to a petition of removal regardless of where they live.
- Transfer schools after the second year of high school - To determine whether a youth completed the second year of school, we will use the length of enrollment or the number of credits earned.
- Graduation Options - (1) - Accept the exemption and graduate using minimum state requirements. (2) Reject the exemption and graduate using district requirements. (3) Remain in school a 5th year to complete all district requirements. (4) Acknowledge eligibility, but defer a decision to a later date.
- Length of Eligibility - Once a youth is found eligible, they remain eligible even if they transfer schools, return to guardian care or their court case closes.
- Reconsideration - If a youth is found ineligible, they can request the school to reconsider the decision at a later date.
- Notification requirements - Guajome must determine whether a student is eligible to graduate under AB 167/216 within 30 days of the youth's transfer into the school. The determination must be provided in writing to the student, the educational rights holder and the guardian within 30 days.
- Who decides - Only the ERH or a youth over 18 can determine whether graduating with the exemption is the best option.
- Military Service - Military service of a parent or guardian allows students to fall into a priority enlistment category and make them eligible for graduation exemption.
- Coursework - Guajome will accept coursework satisfactorily completed by a student in foster care, a student who is homeless, migrant, former juvenile court, child of military family, or a newcomer while attending another public school, charter school, court school, a school in a country other than the United States, even if the student did not complete all of the coursework requirements. Partial credits will be honored.

[District Graduation Exemption Waiver Application and Notification.](#)