

# MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

## Administrative Regulation

AR 6146.4

### INSTRUCTION

- ~~Differential Graduation Requirements/California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) for Individuals with Exceptional Needs~~ **and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities**
  
- Students enrolled in **General Education and/or** ~~Strands C ( Parallel courses Curriculum) or Strand D (Identical Regular Education Curriculum)~~ shall receive diplomas of graduation from high school only after completing
- the prescribed course of study ~~and passing the California High School Exit Exam.~~ The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team will determine the appropriate instructional program necessary to assist the student **with any accommodations and/or modifications.**
  
- Special education students enrolled in ~~Strands A or B~~ **Functional or Applied courses** at the comprehensive sites or in an alternative education
- program shall be assessed annually by the special education ~~teacher~~ **provider** as part of the annual review, Individual Education Program (IEP)
- process. The special education ~~teacher~~ **provider** will determine progress toward meeting the goals and benchmarks established in each student's IEP quarterly.
  
- ~~Students enrolled in Strands A or B and not enrolled in a program to earn a diploma will not take the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).~~ Students completing the course requirements for ~~Strands A or B~~ **Applied or Functional courses** will receive Certificates of Completion.
  
- ~~Where necessary to access the test, pupils with disabilities shall take the California High School Exit Exam with those accommodations and modifications that are necessary and appropriate to address the pupil's identified disability(ies) and that have been approved by their Individualized Education Program teams or 504 plan teams including, but not limited to, those accommodations and modifications that the pupil has regularly used during instruction and classroom assessment.~~

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- ~~Approved accommodations and modifications for the high school exit examination must be reflected in the pupil's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan and consistent with current California Department of Education Regulations for California State Assessments.~~
  
- I. ~~Waiver of California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) for Students with a Disability~~
  
- ~~The school principal making the waiver request shall complete and submit supporting documentation:~~
  
- 1. ~~California High School Exit Exam Waiver Cover Sheet: Information on the Specific Student with a Disability.~~
  
- 2. ~~The Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan reviewed and approved by the student's IEP or 504 Team dated prior to the exam that indicates all the accommodations and/or modifications that the student needs to access and participate in statewide assessments.~~
  
- 3. ~~A certified transcript showing sufficient high school level course work 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 California High School Exit Exam.~~
  
- 4. ~~A copy of the California High School Exit Exam Student and Parent Report showing "equivalent of a passing score." The waiver may only be granted after the examination has been taken and the student has satisfied the above criteria.~~

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→ II. **Frequency of Assessment**

→ **Strand C (Parallel Curriculum)**

**Strand D (Identical Curriculum)**

→ Students enrolled in Strands C and D shall take the California High School Exit Exam in grade 10. Students who pass the California High School Exit Exam in 10th grade do not have to take it in subsequent years. Students who do not pass a section(s) of the California High School Exit Exam will be retested on that section(s) in each subsequent year as necessary. Failure at any grade level requires subsequent remedial instruction.

→ III. **Notice of Requirements**

→ The District is required to send notification about the California High School Exit Examination to parents and students at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term. The notice must go to all students in Grade 9 or higher. The notice will include at a minimum:

- ➤ Date of examination.
- ➤ Requirements for passing the examination.
- ➤ Consequences of not passing the examination.
- ➤ Passing the examination as a condition of graduation.

→ IV. **Remedial Instruction/Additional Testing**

→ Students in Grade 11 or Grade 12 who fail either the English-Language Arts or the Mathematics portion of the exam will be required to enroll in remedial instruction until both the English-Language Arts and Mathematics portions of the California High School Exit Examination are passed.

→ Students will initially take the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) in Grade 10.

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→ Students will have the opportunity to retake failed portions of the exam during Grade 11 and Grade 12 as permitted by state testing calendar.

## V. Diploma of Graduation

### Comprehensive High School

#### Strand C

→ Students enrolled in ~~Strand C the Parallel courses~~ shall receive a diploma of graduation from the comprehensive high school if graduation requirements have been met by the end of the senior year.

If a student enrolled in ~~Strand C~~ meets graduation requirements at any time ~~after~~ the summer session following the 12th grade, the student will be awarded a Modesto City Schools diploma (rather than a diploma specifying the comprehensive high school of attendance). This does not apply to an 18-year-old who has the right of enrollment in the comprehensive high school after the 12th grade, according to provisions of Board Policy 5111.2, Public Law 94-142, and Education Code 56026.

→ Special education students enrolled in ~~Strand C~~ who are not able to meet the California High School Exit Examination requirements may receive Certificates of Completion provided that they meet the graduation requirements for the appropriate strand.

#### Strand D

→ Students in ~~Strand D~~ shall receive a diploma of graduation from the comprehensive high school if both the English Language Arts and Mathematics portions of the California High School Exit Examination have been passed and graduation requirements have been met by the end of the senior year.

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→ A student in **Strand D** may also receive a diploma of graduation from the comprehensive high school by taking a remediation course during the summer following the 12th grade and passing the California High School Exit Exam. This only applies to a student who has been enrolled in a comprehensive high school the second semester of the 12th grade.

→ If a student enrolled in **Strand D** meets graduation requirements at any time **after** the summer session following the 12th grade, the student will be awarded a Modesto City Schools diploma (rather than a diploma specifying the comprehensive high school of attendance). This does not apply to an 18-year-old who has the right of enrollment in the comprehensive high school after the 12th grade, according to provisions of Board Policy 5111.2, Public Law 94-142, and Education Code 56026.

→ A student enrolled in a Special Education, Strand D Program and who does not meet the California High School Exit Examination requirement may receive a Certificate of Completion provided the student meets all other graduation requirements.

**Alternative Education Programs**

(Continuation High School, Opportunity School, Independent Study, Teen Parent Center)

**Strand B**

→ Students enrolled in **Strand B** who meet all course requirements in an alternative education program will receive a Certificate of Completion.

**Strand C Parallel Program**

→ Students enrolled in **Strand C** who meet graduation requirements in an alternative education program will receive a Modesto City Schools diploma. After completing the prescribed course of study, students enrolled in Strand C who are not able to meet the California High School Exit Examination

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- ~~requirement may receive Certificates of Completion provided they meet all other graduation requirements.~~

**Strand D**

- ~~Students enrolled in **Strand D** meeting graduation requirements in an alternative education program will receive a Modesto City Schools diploma. Students enrolled in Strand D who are not able to meet the California High School Exit Examination requirement may receive Certificates of Completion provided they meet all other graduation requirements.~~

**VI. Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Related Graduation Activities**

~~A student receiving special education services may only participate in graduation ceremonies and related activities one time. This does not apply to students who receive a Certificate of Completion from a Modesto City Schools high school and then later receive a diploma through adult education. Students that fall under this criteria would be allowed to participate in both the high school and adult education graduation ceremonies.~~

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