

AB 167/216 Notification Letter and Exemption Verification Form

TO: Educational Rights Holder: _____

Address: _____

TO: Student: _____

Address: _____

TO: Social Worker/Deputy Probation Officer: _____

Address: _____

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School of Attendance: _____

Dear Student, Educational Rights Holder, and Social Worker/Deputy Probation Officer:

On January 1, 2010, Assembly Bill 167 (AB 167) became law, which impacts graduation requirements for youth in foster care or on probation. On January 1, 2014, AB 167 was amended by AB 216. AB 167/216 (California Education Code § 51225.1) applies to students who are in foster care or on probation and transfer into a new school after completing their 2nd year of high school. Such students are eligible to graduate under the California Department of Education (CDE) graduation requirements if the district determines they are not reasonably able to complete the Los Angeles Unified School District(LAUSD) graduation requirements within 4 years of high school.

As a school district, it has been determined that the above named student is / is not eligible for the AB 167/216 graduation exemption based upon their ability to reasonably complete the district requirements within 4 years.

If the above named student is eligible for the exemption as indicated in the box above, the student has the following graduation options:

1. Refuse the exemption and graduate under LAUSD requirements within 4 years of high school.
2. Graduate under LAUSD requirements and remain in high school for a 5th year.
3. Accept the exemption and complete the minimum CDE/AB 167/216 graduation requirements to receive a high school diploma.
4. Decline to refuse or accept the AB 167/216 exemption at this time.

NOTE: Once a student is deemed eligible for the AB167/216 graduation exemption, this student remains eligible for the exemption, and may opt in or out at any time.

Please be aware that if the additional LAUSD graduation requirements are waived, this might affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution, specifically UC or CSU schools, with the exception of the California Community Colleges. Students enrolling in California Community Colleges may transfer to a four year university, once completing all pre-requisite courses.

Counselor/Administrative Designee Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cal. Educ. Code §§ 51225.1, 51225.3

To the student's Educational Rights Holder:

If your student is eligible for AB 167/216 graduation, please check which option you wish to implement at this time and return this form to the student's school counselor at your earliest convenience. Doing so will assist the counselor in ensuring the student is enrolled into the appropriate classes. Please note that you can change your decision regarding utilizing the AB 167/216 exemption at any time, up until graduation.

Please check one of the options below:

- Graduate under LAUSD requirements within 4 years of high school
- Graduate under LAUSD requirements and remain in high school for a 5th year
- Graduate under AB 167/216 graduation requirements to receive a high school diploma
- Decline to make a choice regarding graduation at this time

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Educational Rights Holder's Signature: _____

Print Educational Rights Holder's Name _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Date: _____

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Counselor at your school site.