

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Child Welfare and Attendance

Date: January 31, 2019

To: High School Administrators, Counselors and Registrars

Subject: **MODIFIED GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY UNDER AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 and AB 2306**

Department and/or Persons Concerned: High School Administrators, Counselors and Registrars

Due Date: Within 30 days of student enrollment in LUSD

Action Requested: Review and submit (if applicable) the Modified Graduation Notification Letter and Modified Graduation Academic Review to the Office of Children and Youth in Transition for students eligible for modified graduation under AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306

Attachments: Attachment 1: Modified Graduation Notification Letter
Attachment 2: Modified Graduation Academic Review

Brief Explanation:

Under the following Assembly Bills students in transition have special rights to help them remain on track for high school graduation:

- AB 167/216 students identified as foster youth
- AB 365 students identified as children of military families
- AB 1806 students living in a homeless situation
- AB 2121 student who is a migratory child, or a pupil participating in a newcomer program
- AB 2306 students transitioning from a juvenile court school

Students in transition (foster youth, students in homeless situations, and those transitioning from a juvenile court school) who transfer schools after their second year of high school may be eligible to graduate by completing the minimum California state graduation requirements if they are not reasonably able to complete all Lodi Unified School District graduation requirements by the end of their fourth year of high school. Completing second year of high school is defined as either a) completing two years of high school; or b) completing sufficient high school credits to be considered a high school junior or senior.

Students who graduate under AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 do not have to complete additional Lodi Unified School District requirements, which require 230 credits.

Follow the steps below as outlined in the Modified Graduation Notification Letter to determine if a student is eligible for modified graduation under AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306:

1. Within 30 calendar days of student's enrollment, determine eligibility after careful review of student's educational records. **Complete Part A of Modified Graduation Notification Letter.**

2. If student is eligible to meet modified graduation requirements under AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306, select graduation option. **Review Part B of the Modified Graduation Notification Letter:**
 - a. Attempt to graduate high school at the end of the fourth year by completing all school district graduation requirements. Students may attempt to accomplish this by concurrently enrolling in a community college, continuation school, or independent study program. Students may attempt to accomplish this by enrolling in a district approved alternative method for course completion.
 - b. Remain in high school for a fifth year, and complete all additional school district graduation requirements. The right to a fifth year of high school applies even if the student will be older than 18 years of age 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 fifth year.
 - c. Graduate by completing California state requirements and accept AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 eligibility. Please note that there are advantages and disadvantages to graduating under AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306. 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 AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 are not eligible to apply directly to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) school. (Counselor/Registrar must complete Modified Graduation Academic Review if this option is selected).
3. Document selected graduation modification path by recording student and Educational Rights Holder's selection, signature, and initials on the Modified Graduation Notification Letter. **Complete Part C of the Modified Graduation Notification Letter.**
4. Provide the student with one copy of the Modified Graduation Notification Letter and Academic Review (if applicable) and place the original in the student's cumulative file.
5. **Submit one copy of the completed document to the Child Welfare and Attendance Office with Modified Graduation Academic Review Worksheet (if applicable) within five (5) business days of receiving signed form in order for correct information to appear on the student's transcript for graduation.**

Should you have any questions concerning this memo, please email adosty@lodiussd.net or call 209.331.7055.

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Attachments (2)

- 1: Modified Graduation Notification Letter
- 2: Modified Graduation Academic Review

**Lodi Unified School District Modified Graduation
Notification Letter Youth in Transition
AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121, AB 2306**

TO:

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current High School: _____ Date of Enrollment: _____

Grade Level: _____

Educational Rights Holder (ERH): _____ Phone: (____) _____

Probation Officer/ Social Worker (if applicable): _____ Phone: (____) _____

The purpose of this document is to notify the above student and Educational Rights Holder of the determination of eligibility for modified graduation requirements and options for meeting graduation requirements.

Under Assembly Bills 167/216 students identified as foster, AB 365 student in military families, AB 1806 students living in a homeless situation, AB 2121 student who is a migratory child, or a pupil participating in a newcomer program and AB 2306 students transitioning from a juvenile court school, have special rights to help them remain on track for high school graduation.

Students in transition (foster youth, students in homeless situations, children in military families, a student who is a migratory child or a pupil participating in a newcomer program and those transitioning from a juvenile court school) who transfer schools after their second year of high school may be eligible to graduate by completing the minimum California state graduation requirements if they are not reasonably able to complete all Lodi Unified School District graduation requirements by the end of their fourth year of high school. Completing second year of high school is defined as either a) completing two years of high school; or b) completing sufficient high school credits to be considered a high school junior or senior.

Students who graduate under AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 do not have to complete additional Lodi Unified School District requirements, which require 230 credits.

Part A. Determination of Eligibility within 30 calendar days of student's enrollment, after careful review of the student's educational records, we have determined, and hereby certify, that the above named student:

☐ is eligible to meet graduation requirements under ☐ AB 167/216; ☐ AB 325; ☐ AB 1806; ☐ 2121; ☐ AB 2306.

(Please see Part B and Part C of this letter for further information.)

☐ is not eligible to meet graduation requirements under ☐ AB 167/216; ☐ AB 325; ☐ AB 1806; ☐ 2121; ☐ AB 2306 because:

___ Student is not a foster youth, student in a military family, student in homeless situation, migratory child or a pupil participating in a newcomer program or student transitioning from juvenile court school.

___ Student has not completed two years of high school.

___ Student did not transfer to a new school after completing two years of high school.

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School Counselor (Name): _____

School Counselor (Signature): _____ Date: _____

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Part B. Graduation Options for students eligible to meet modified graduation requirements under AB 167/216, AB 365, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306.

1. Attempt to graduate high school at the end of the fourth year by completing all school district graduation requirements. Students may attempt to accomplish this by concurrently enrolling in a community college, continuation school, or independent study program. Students may attempt to accomplish this by enrolling in district approved alternative methods for course completion.
2. Remain in high school for a fifth year, and complete all additional school district graduation requirements. The right to a fifth year of high school applies even if the student will be older than 18 years of age 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 fifth year.
3. Graduate by completing **California state requirements** and accept AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 eligibility. Please note that there are advantages and disadvantages to graduating under AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306. 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 AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 are **not eligible** to apply directly to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) school.

Important Notice to Student and Educational Rights Holder




It is important to keep a copy of this certification notification for your records. It can be used at any future school to verify that the student is already certified as AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 eligible. The above named student retains the right to graduate under AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 even if they transfer schools again, or their foster care/probation case closes, or they have obtained a permanent residence before they receive their high school diploma.

Please note that the school district cannot allow a student to graduate under AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 without receiving this document. The student and/or ERH can change their decision by submitting a new **Lodi Unified School District Modification Graduation Eligibility Notification** (regarding graduating under AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306) at any time until the student receives their high school diploma.

The school counselor must **submit and file this completed document to the Child Welfare and Attendance (adosty@lodiUSD.net) with Modified Graduation Academic Review Worksheet (if applicable)** within five (5) business days of receiving signed form in order for correct information to appear on the student's transcript for graduation.

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Please check box and initial one of the following three options:

Part C. Choice of Graduation Path for students eligible to meet modified graduation requirements under AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 . (To be completed by student and Educational Rights Holder)	
	1. Graduate under Lodi Unified School District requirements in four (4) years. Initials of Student _____ Initials of Educational Rights Holder _____
	2. Graduate under Lodi Unified School District requirements in five (5) years. Initials of Student _____ Initials of Educational Rights Holder _____
	3. Graduate under California State graduation requirement through AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 in four (4) years. Initials of Student _____ Initials of Educational Rights Holder _____

Educational Rights Holder (Name): _____

Educational Rights Holder (Signature): _____ Date: _____

Student (Name): _____

Student (Signature): _____ Date: _____

The student and/or ERH can change their decision by submitting a new *Lodi Unified School District Modification Graduation Eligibility Notification* (regarding graduating under AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306) at any time until the student receives their high school diploma.

If you have any questions or concerns about AB 167/216, AB 325, AB 1806, AB 2121 or AB 2306 graduation, please contact the student's counselor.



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Foster Youth/Homeless/Juvenile/Military/Migrant High School Graduation Plan

Entry Date:

Student ID:

Student Name: Grade: DOB: Age:

First Name MI Last Name

Prior School	Transcript Received

- ☐ **AB 167**
- ☐ **AB 325**
- ☐ **AB 1806**
- ☐ **AB 2121**
- ☐ **AB 2306**

	State Req.	Lodi USD Req.	Prior Credits			Total	Credit	State Req.	Lodi USD Req.
English/Language Arts	30	40							
Math	10	10							
Algebra 1/Equivalent	10	10							
Physical Education	20	20							
World History	10	10							
U.S. History	10	10							
Biology/Life Science	10	10							
Physical Science	10	10							
Visual Perf. Arts	10	10							
American Government	5	5							
Economics	5	5							
World Geography		5							
Electives		85							
Totals	130	230							

****Please attach a copy of Lodi USD transcript with this form.**

After reviewing student records and meeting with student and the person holding the right to make education decisions, it was determined that the student:

- ☐ Is able to complete the additional high school diploma requirements in time to graduate from high school while he or she remains eligible for benefits pursuant to state law.
- ☐ Is not able to complete the additional high school diploma requirements in time to graduate from high school while he or she remains eligible for benefits pursuant to state law and therefore shall be exempt from additional course work and other requirements adopted by the LUSD board.

I acknowledge the above decision and also understand if the requirements were waived that it will affect the ability to gain admission to a postsecondary education institution.

Student Signature	Date	Parent/Legal Guardian/Person holding rights to make educational decisions	Date	Coordinator – CWA	Date
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