



Merced Union High School District
Exemption Notification Letter of Graduation Requirements
AB 1806 Verification for McKinney-Vento
AB 2306 for Former Juvenile Court Pupils

Student Name: _____ **DOB:** _____ **IEP:** YES or NO
School: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date of Enrollment:** _____
Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ **Phone:** _____
Address: _____ **Is the student an unaccompanied youth?** YES or NO
Number of Credits at Enrollment: ____ **Number of Credits at District/School (circle one):** 220 | 210

This notice is to inform you that under Assembly Bills 1806 and 2306, the California State Legislature requires school districts to exempt McKinney-Vento “homeless” students and “former juvenile court pupils” from coursework & other requirements that exceed the State of California minimum high school graduation requirements, respectively. This applies to any displaced student or former juvenile court pupil who is off track for high school graduation, and transfers after their second year of high school. They may be eligible to graduate by completing the minimum state requirements. Students may not graduate early using AB 1806 or AB 2306 reduced graduation requirements. **The above named student has the following graduation options and must be explained to the student & guardian:**

- The student is eligible for this exemption and may obtain a high school diploma by meeting the state-mandated graduation requirements of 130 credits. Please note that there are advantages & disadvantages to graduating under AB 1806 or AB 2306. While a student may graduate with classmates & 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 1806/AB 2306 may not be eligible to apply directly to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) school. However, through California Community Colleges the student may gain entry into the UC/CSU.
- Remain in high school for a 5th year, and complete all additional school district graduation requirements. The right to a 5th year of high school applies even if the student will be 19 years old 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 5th year.
- Attempt to graduate high school at the end of the 4th year by completing all school district graduation requirements. Students may attempt to accomplish this by concurrently enrolling in adult school, a community college, continuation school, or independent study program.
- Acknowledge eligibility, but defer decision until a later date OR remain in high school for more than 4 years pursuant to their IEP.

Once the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth or the Parent/Legal Guardian has determined which graduation plan to take, please check the appropriate box above and return this form. Please note that the school district cannot allow a student to graduate under AB 1806 or AB 2306 without receiving this document. An 18 year old student or their parent/legal guardian can change their decision regarding graduating under AB 1806 or AB 2306 at any time until the student receives their high school diploma. Please note that regardless of whether or not a student elects to graduate under AB 1806 or AB 2306, a student has the right and obligation to attend school until age 18, with limited exceptions.

Your signature below indicates that you are aware of the limitations of receiving a diploma under California Law AB 1806 for McKinney-Vento students and AB 2306 for former juvenile court pupils . This form provides no guarantee that the student has passed the necessary coursework for graduation. If you have further questions, please contact the student’s academic counselor. This document is not valid without the Homeless Liaison signature.

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(or 18 year old Student or Unaccompanied Displaced Youth)
LEA/School Administrator: _____ Date: _____