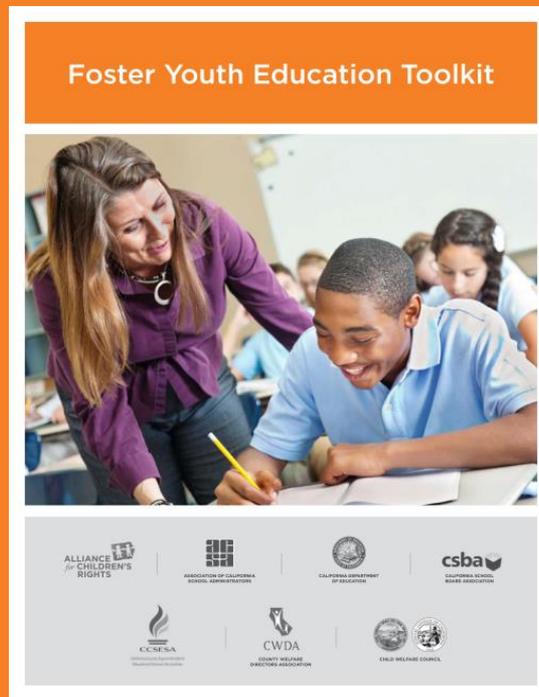


# Toolkit for Foster Youth Education Success

## *AB 167/216 Graduation*

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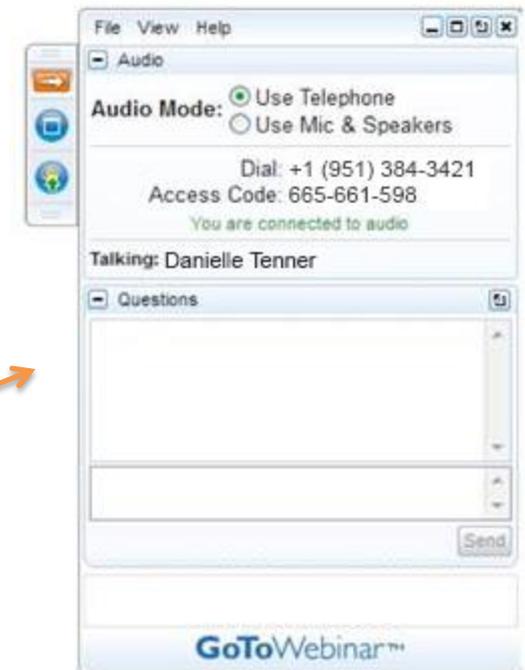


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# Technical Details

- Call-in number is +1 (562) 247-8422 and access code is 801-059-621
- To submit questions, click on your “Questions” panel, type your question and click “send”
- Presentation materials and the Foster Youth Education Toolkit can be found at:

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# Why are you here?

## You'll Learn:

1. AB 167/216 rights of foster youth.
2. Best practices for implementing AB 167/216 Graduation.

*NOTE: When we refer to foster youth, that includes both foster youth with open dependency court cases and probation youth with open delinquency court cases.*

# AB 167/216 Graduation

Joey is a senior this year. He was in foster care and moved home to his parents 8 months ago and changed schools at the same time. He was never determined to be AB 167/216 eligible. His case is now closed.

- Putting aside reasonableness, does Joey meet all other eligibility requirements?
  - Yes
- Does the district have a duty to go back and retroactively determine his eligibility?
  - Yes, AB 1166 now requires it

# AB 167/216 Graduation

Maria was a senior last year and changed schools mid year due to a change in foster care placement. She was on track to meet high school graduation requirements before the move but really struggled to keep up with her classes afterwards and ended up failing a few of them. She really wants to go to a 4 year university but would need to retake a few A-G classes this year to raise up D grades to Cs or better.

- Assuming she met all other eligibility requirements, what were her graduation options last year?
- Assuming she met all other eligibility requirements, what are her graduation options this year?
- Does Maria have a right to stay at her comprehensive high school for a 5<sup>th</sup> year, even though she is now 19?
  - Yes
- Who decides what graduation option Maria will utilize?
  - Before 18, her ERH
  - After she turns 18, she does

# AB 167/216 Graduation

Michael missed his 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade years of school due to homelessness. He returned to school as a senior this year but had to attend a new school, closer to the shelter where he lives.

- Has Michael completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of high school?

– Yes

# AB 167/216 Graduation

Samantha was certified as eligible for AB 167/216 graduation and was so excited to graduate with her class. She just received her diploma in the mail and it has an asterisk on it which states it's a 'Foster Youth Diploma'.

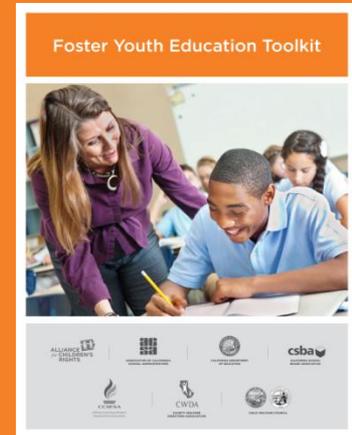
- Is this legal?
  - No
- If Samantha wants to join the military, will her graduation under AB 167/216 impact her ability to do so?
  - No
- If Samantha wants to go to a 4 year university, will her graduation under AB 167/216 impact her ability to do so?
  - Yes

# AB 167/216 Implementation and Considerations

- When are we utilizing this graduation option?
- Why are we utilizing this graduation option?
  - Dropout prevention versus push out
- What are the implications and consequences for using this graduation option for the student?
  - Early school exit
  - Impact on incarcerated youth
  - Aces to Special Education services thru age 21
  - Military enlistment requirements
  - College readiness
  - Career pathway impacts



# Questions? Contact us



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