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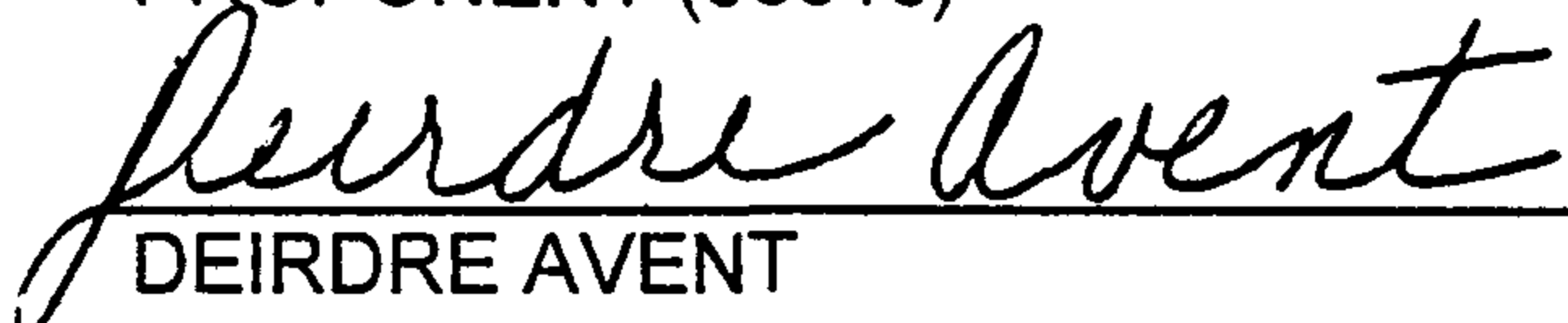
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TO: ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AND
PROPONENT (98316)

FROM:


DEIRDRE AVENT
Elections Analyst

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9030(b), you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed INITIATIVE STATUTE filed with all county elections officials is less than 100 percent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient; therefore, the petition has **failed.**

TITLE: STUDENTS. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION.

SUMMARY DATE: March 10, 1998

PROPONENT: Mario Santa Cruz

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March 10, 1998

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, OR COUNTY CLERKS, AND PROPONENTS (98100)

FROM: *Cathy Mitchell*
CATHY MITCHELL
ELECTIONS SPECIALIST

SUBJECT: **INITIATIVE #809**

Pursuant to Elections Code section 336, we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed initiative measure entitled:

**STUDENTS. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION.
INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

The proponent of the above-named measure is:

Mario Santa Cruz
P.O. Box 862
Solvang, CA 93464
(805) 688-0960

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STUDENTS. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION.
INITIATIVE STATUTE.

CIRCULATING AND FILING SCHEDULE

1. Minimum number of signatures required: 433,269
California Constitution, Article II, Section 8(b)

2. Official Summary Date:..... Tuesday, 03/10/98
Elections Code section (EC§) 336

3. Petitions Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for
signatures (EC §336) Tuesday, 03/10/98

 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and file
with the county. All sections are to be filed at the
same time within each county (EC §336, 9030(a))Friday, 08/07/98

 - c. Last day for county to determine total number of
signatures affixed to petitions and to transmit total
to the Secretary of State (EC §9030(b))..... Wednesday, 08/19/98

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 08/07/98,
the county has eight working days from the filing of the petition to determine the
total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit the total to the
Secretary of State) (EC §9030(b)).

- d. Secretary of State determines whether the total number
of signatures filed with all county clerks/registrars of
voters meets the minimum number of required signatures,
and notifies the counties (EC §9030(c))..... Friday, 08/28/98*

- e. Last day for county to determine total number of qualified
voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate
with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State
(EC §9030(d)(e)) Wednesday, 10/14/98

* Date varies based on receipt of county certification.



INITIATIVE #809

Circulating and Filing Schedule continued:

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 08/28/98, the last day is no later than the thirtieth day after the county's receipt of notification). (EC §9030(d)(e)).

- f. If the signature count is more than 476,596 or less than 411,606 then the Secretary of State certifies the petition as qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 411,606 and 476,596 inclusive, then the Secretary of State notifies the counties using the random sampling technique to determine the validity of **all** signatures (EC §9030(f)(g); 9031(a)) Saturday, 10/24/98*
- g. Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State (EC §9031(b)(c)). Wednesday, 12/09/98

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who have signed the petition on a date other than 10/24/98, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification). EC §9031(b)(c).

- h. Secretary of State certifies whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required to declare the petition sufficient (EC §9031(d); 9033)..... Sunday, 12/13/98*

NOTE TO PROPONENTS WHO WISH TO QUALIFY FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 1998 GENERAL ELECTION: This initiative must be certified for the ballot 131 days before the election (June 25, 1998). Please remember to time your submissions accordingly. For example, in order to allow the maximum time permitted by law for the random sample verification process, it is suggested that proponents file their petitions to county elections official by April 17, 1998. If a 100% check of signatures is necessary, it is advised that the petitions be filed by February 25, 1998.

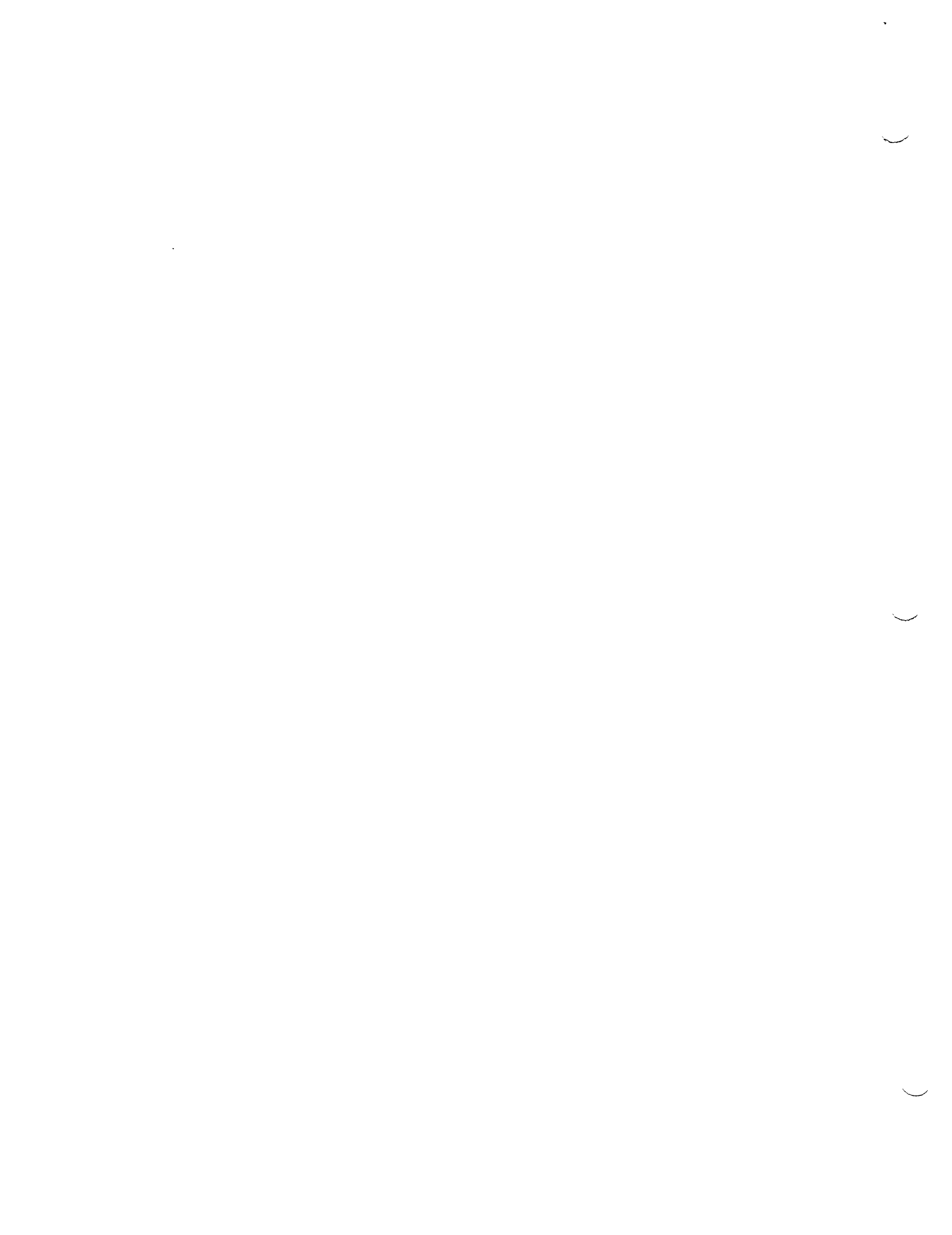
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IMPORTANT POINTS

- California law prohibits the use of signatures, names and addresses gathered on initiative petitions for any purpose other than to qualify the initiative measure for the ballot. This means that the petitions cannot be used to create or add to mailing lists or similar lists for any purpose, including fundraising or requests for support. Any such misuses constitutes a crime under California law. Elections Code section 18650; *Bilofsky v. Deukmejian* (1981) 123 Cal. App. 3d 825, 177 Cal. Rptr. 621; 63 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 37 (1980).
- Please refer to Elections Code sections 100,101,104,9001, 9008, 9009, 9021, and 9022 for appropriate format and type consideration in printing, typing and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation in printing, typing and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures, Please send a copy of the petition after you have it printed. This copy is not for our review or approval, but to supplement our file.
- Your attention is directed to the campaign disclosure requirements of the **Political Reform Act of 1974**, Government Code section 81000 et seq. A brief summary is attached for your reference.
- When writing or calling state or county elections officials, provide the official title of the initiative which was prepared by the Attorney General. Use of this title will assist elections officials in referencing the proper file.
- When a petition is presented to the county elections official for filing by someone other than the proponent, the required authorization shall include the name or names of the persons filing the petition.
- When filing the petition with the county elections official, please provide a blank petition for elections official use.

Enclosures



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March 10, 1998

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

MAR 10 1998

Bill Jones
Secretary of State
1500 - 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

BILL JONES, Secretary of State

By 
Deputy Secretary of State

Re: Initiative Title and Summary
Subject: STUDENTS. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION.
INITIATIVE STATUTE.
File No: SA 98 RF 0003

Dear Mr. Jones:

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 9004 and 336 of the Elections Code, you are hereby notified that on this day we mailed to the proponent of the above-identified proposed initiative our title and summary.

Enclosed is a copy of our transmittal letter to the proponent, a copy of our title and summary, a declaration of service thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records, the name and address of the proponent are as stated on the declaration of service.

Sincerely,

DANIEL E. LUNGREN
Attorney General


CONNIE LEMUS
Initiative Coordinator

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Date: March 10, 1998
File No.: SA 98 RF 0003

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

STUDENTS. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION. INITIATIVE

STATUTE. Requires state laws and education guidelines be amended to provide all students in grades one through eight be advanced to next grade upon passing 60 percent of their course work with a grade of D or better. Students not meeting this condition, and those who fail English or mathematics two consecutive years, must repeat grade until successful passage. Each school is responsible for determining grading criteria. Each school must establish committee of parents, teachers and administrator to decide, on yearly basis, if special education students are subject to this measure's requirements. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Long-term state school costs in the tens of millions of dollars to hundreds of millions of dollars annually due to increases in the number of students repeating grades one through eight.



SA98RF0003

January 2, 1997

Mario Santa Cruz
P.O. Box 862
Solvang, CA 93464
(805) 688-0960

Dan Lungren
Attorney General
1300 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sir,

Pursuant to the California Constitution Article II §10(d), I am requesting a title and summary for the attached proposed ballot measure. I am enclosing a \$200 money order with the draft request (§§9002, 9004).

Any questions which you may have concerning this request for title and summary may be directed to the above address.

Thank you,
Very Respectfully,


Mario Santa Cruz

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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

SA98RF0003

Proposition Title: Grade one(1) through eight(8) Requirement for Grade Advancement .

Intent: This proposition is intended to insure that all students who advance to Senior High School status (grades nine through twelve) enter the ninth grade with the minimum number of skills and knowledge needed to be successful in Senior High School. Success in High School is determined by the receipt of a High School Diploma. By adhering to a minimum standard to enter High School, the ability of High Schools to impart the additional skills and knowledge necessary to be successful as adults will be enhanced. This step will help to assure the private sector, the government sector, and the Universities, that the High School Graduate has a minimum number of skills and knowledge upon graduation.

Proposition: All state laws and educational statutes and guidelines shall be amended to adhere to the following proposition. All students in grades one through eight will be advanced to the next grade upon successfully passing (with a grade of D or better) sixty percent (60%) of the classes during the academic year.

If a student is unable to successfully pass sixty percent (60%) of their classes during a given year, or if the student fails either English or Mathematics two years in a row, the student will be required to repeat the grade until he/she successfully passes the course of study for the academic year. Upon successfully passing the failed Mathematics class, English class and upon successfully passing sixty percent (60%) of their classes during the academic year, the student shall be advanced to the next grade. The student will repeat the grade until he/she meets these minimum requirements.

The individual school shall be responsible for grading criteria. Each school shall decide whether students designated as special education shall be covered by this proposition. In deciding this issue a committee consisting of one administrator, three parents and three teachers, at a minimum, from the deciding school shall be formed and meet yearly to decide the school's policy on grade advancement for special education students. Said policy shall be written and distributed to the parents of all special education students and teachers at the school.

The student and parent shall be responsible for meeting or exceeding the expectations and requirements of the teacher, school and state for grade advancement. This proposition shall not interfere with any additional requirements for grade advancement, such as, exit examinations, or entry examinations to High School, which are adopted by local schools, the local school district, or mandated by state or federal law or statute.

