

New law prohibits a public high school student with exceptionalities, except a gifted or talented student, who is not pursuing a high school diploma from being administered any examination pursuant to the La. Educational Assessment Program or the school and district accountability system, including the American College Test, unless the student's Individualized Education Plan provides for it or the student's parent requests it. Prohibits penalizing a student for failure to take an examination. Provides that the resulting absence of test results shall not be factored into or negatively impact the performance score or letter grade assigned to a school or school system, nor shall a school or school system otherwise be penalized, provided that such absence does not violate any federal law or requirement.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 17:24.4(K))