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**Graduation Pathways for Students with Disabilities
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Objectives

- Provide an overview of Jump Start considerations for high school students who meet Act 833 eligibility for an alternate pathway to a high school diploma.

GRADUATION PATHWAYS



What is Jump Start?

Louisiana's innovative career and technical education program!

Prepares students to:

- Lead productive adult lives
- Earn industry based certifications while in high school (required to graduate)
- Continue their education after high school

[All Things Jump Start!](#)

Act 833 Pathways Clarification

- Act 833 eligible students can pursue any Jump Start pathway.
- Any Jump Start pathway can be adjusted to become an Act 833 pathway, with the IEP team setting alternate exit points and performance criteria.
- Only Act 833 eligible students can pursue Act 833 pathways.

Act 833 Eligible Students and Jump Start

The IEP team of an Act 833 eligible student can:

- determine which Jump Start pathway is most appropriate for the student.
- make the final determination as to which culminating industry credential(s) the student must attain in order to graduate from high school.
- use the guidelines in any graduation pathway to identify those industry credentials that might be appropriate for the student.

Source: [Jump Start: Students with Disabilities Implementation Guidance](#), page 2

Act 833 Eligible Students and Jump Start (continued)

- IEP teams should help each student attain the Jump Start culminating industry credential(s) appropriate for his/her abilities with the highest “employability value.”
- IEP teams can also consult with the Jump Start team to determine whether or not a “partial completion” of an industry credential would be appropriate for their students.

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Jump Start Related Resources

[All Things Jump Start: Student Opportunities](#)

Students with Disabilities Resources

- A Pathway for Every Student Guidance [Download](#)
- Jump Start Industry Credentials for Students with Disabilities [Download](#)
- Jump Start Students with Disabilities Implementation Guidance [Download](#)
- Special Education - Guidance for High School Students [Download](#)

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