



Parents and caregivers:
get involved with JUMP START!

- » Work with your professional school counselor to complete your student's Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) and determine whether your student will select a TOPS University or Jump Start pathway
- » Help your student select which Jump Start industry credentials they want to earn. All students, including those on a TOPS University pathway, can earn industry credentials in high school

To learn more about JUMP START, contact your high school counselor.



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JUMP START is Louisiana's Career and Technical Education program.

Through Jump Start students earn industry credentials while still in high school.

Jump Start students graduate high school prepared to secure a high-wage job **and** attend a technical or community college.



JUMP START makes high school more relevant.

JUMP START students...

- » attain industry credentials that employers value when deciding who to hire for entry-level positions;
- » complete Introductory Career Essentials courses where students master workplace “soft skills” that help them find good jobs and succeed when they report to their first jobs;
- » complete internships (either workplace internships or “virtual workplace experiences”) during high school that teach them about the world of work;
- » complete course work that enables Jump Start students to continue their education, through employer training, technical college courses and eventually (if they want) at a four year university.

Louisiana’s Two High School Diploma Pathways

- » **TOPS University Pathway** – for students who plan on attending a four-year college or university, requiring students to complete coursework that will qualify them for TOPS scholarships.
- » **Jump Start Pathway** – for students interested in preparing for college *and* career, requiring students:
 - a. to complete coursework that prepares them to continue their education at a technical or community college; and
 - b. to earn industry credentials that will help them attain entry-level employment.



JUMP START Opportunities for Teachers

- » **Externships** – opportunities for teachers to work in Louisiana companies to learn about the most modern workplace technologies, practices and policies. Externships vary from one or two days to one or two weeks long.

Externships are available for teachers in an increasing number of districts and charter schools, including teachers of core academic subjects.

- » **Training for Industry Credentials** – each summer the Super Summer Institute offers Louisiana teachers the opportunity to earn a wide range of Jump Start statewide industry credentials at no cost to them.

- » **Engagement with Industry Experts** – through the Nepris system, teachers can engage industry experts in any industry, anywhere in the United States to help with lesson plans, make class presentations, serve as student mentors and even judge class projects/competitions.

- » **Stipends to develop “best practices” resources** – every year the Department of Education will recruit selected teachers to develop course materials that all Louisiana teachers can use to implement Jump Start courses.

- » **Online Professional Development** – teachers are able to access online professional development such as the CTE Leadership Academy to train future CTE leaders.