

Louisiana's Jump Start program is Louisiana's new approach to career and technical education (CTE).

To graduate with a Jump Start Career Diploma students must complete academic courses that qualify them to continue their education at a community or technical college.

Jump Start students also complete a minimum of 9 CTE courses, including career readiness training that helps students develop the workplace skills employers value most.

Finally, Jump Start students must earn one or more IBCs (industry-based credentials) to graduate with a Jump Start Career Diploma.

University-bound students can take Jump Start courses and earn IBCs that help them gain admission to the college of their choice.

IBCs help all students "earn while they learn," qualifying them for jobs that will help them pay for their college education and start successful careers.

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**Extra information for teachers:** High schools receive the same credit towards their school letter grade for preparing students for careers in high-demand job sectors as they do for students who achieve top academic honors.

Louisiana's legislature and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) have created new funding sources dedicated to Jump Start teacher development and investment in modern CTE facilities. [View the Jump Start Funding Guidance Sheet to learn more.](#)