The Statewide Mentor Network, facilitated by LCEE, consists of business and industry members willing to serve as in-person or virtual mentors for your students.

The Mentor Network enables Louisiana schools to implement innovative Jump Start opportunities- including credit-bearing courses like the Virtual Workplace Experience, and industry-bearing credentials, like the Micro-Enterprise Credential.

| Benefits to Mentors | • Mentors can provide high-impact help to students in a format requiring a very modest time commitment  
|                     | • Mentors can develop a pipeline of future employees by sharing information about their industry  
|                     | • Mentors can expand their brand and meet outreach goals, enhancing their workforce development efforts  

| Benefits to Students | • Students practice and master essential employability “soft skills” by interacting with mentors  
|                     | • Students engage with local and global industry experts from the career fields they most want to learn about  
|                     | • Students who are unable to participate in internships can complete Virtual Workplace Experiences to earn academic credits that count as part of every Jump Start Pathway  

| Benefits to Teachers | • Mentors reinforce in-class training, helping teachers link academic and CTE content to real-world application  
|                     | • Teachers can utilize industry professionals for student presentations, and as judges for class projects and competitions  
|                     | • Louisiana teachers will be able to complete multi-industry Virtual Externships, as they engage with industry professionals themselves  

| Benefits to Schools | • Mentor engagement enables students to complete courses that count as part of every Jump Start Pathway  
|                    | • Mentor-driven courses enable districts and charter schools to earn additional CTE and CDF funding  
|                    | • Mentor engagement is a critical component of Jump Start credentials like the Regional Micro-Enterprise Credential *(a low-cost, gender-neutral credential that every Louisiana student can attain.)*  

### Getting Started with the Mentor Network

**Virtual Mentors: Contact Nepris**

1. Go to [https://www.nepris.com/go/la](https://www.nepris.com/go/la)  
2. Click on the “Sign Up” button  
3. Fill in fields to create a profile  
4. Click on “Create New Request *(please allow 3 weeks to match your request)*”  
   - Email support@nepris.com  
   - Call (855) 472-2567  
   - Access Help Videos [https://www.nepris.com/howtovideo](https://www.nepris.com/howtovideo)

**In-Person Mentors: Use Your Contacts**

1. Use your contacts: reach out to people you know and their spouses, and ask them to serve in-person, or request they register on Nepris  
2. Enlist the assistance of your Principal, CTE, Coordinator, etc. who can issue a community-side Call to Action  
3. Contact your local Chamber to make a presentation to members

**Mentor Recruitment: Contact LCEE**

1. Contact Laura Smith at [laura@lcee.org](mailto:laura@lcee.org) to request assistance identifying mentors from specific industry sectors  
2. Contact Laura Smith if you would like LCEE to make a presentation to your local chamber to recruit in-person or virtual mentors.  
   - Call Laura at (225) 241-1524