2017 Jump Start Convention

The Year of Action

Preparing for 2018 Jump Start Graduates

January 17, 2017
8AM TO 3:30PM

Raising Cane’s River Center
275 S. River Road,
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Department of Education
Louisiana Believes
Formed Partnerships

- Industry/ workforce development/employers
- Neighboring districts with similar demographics
- Any entity that would promote Jump Start
- Local community college
- High school principals and counselors
- Junior high schools
- Network teams
What additional partnerships have you found to be valuable?
Selected Jump Start Pathways

- Available faculty
- Faculty credentials
- Willingness of faculty to be trained
- Availability of training for faculty
- Available equipment
- Student interest
- Employment availability
- Narrowed to what we could sustain
What other criteria did you use to select pathways?
Financed Jump Start

- Grants
- Private donations
- Career development funds
- SCA funds
- Carl Perkins funds
- Local vocational funds
- Local school funds
- TOPS Tech Early Start funds
What diverse sources of funding have you used?
Recognized On-going JS Challenges

• Shortage of money
• Lack of credentialed faculty
• Departure of credentialed faculty mid-year
• Keeping faculty credentials up-to-date
• Loss of accountability points for some student credentials (any IBC is a plus for students)
• Loss of CDF funding for CNA, EMR courses
• Documentation of student credentials in STS and JPAMS
What unique challenges have you identified?
The Strengths of Jump Start (so far!)

- Fosters communication between high schools and community colleges/area employers
- Fosters communication/cooperation between LEAs
- Provides conduit for real work experiences for high school students
- Designed and implemented with careful attention to detail
- Offers a plethora of options to high school students
What do you recognize as other strengths of Jump Start?
And the Future of Jump Start???