

Louisiana’s Jump Start Program

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Louisiana’s Jump Start program is a new paradigm for career and technical education (CTE), requiring students to attain an industry-promulgated, industry-valued credential in order to graduate high school.

Background – Louisiana’s Career Diploma had fallen into disrepair and was seldom used. Students with the Career Diploma were not prepared to attain entry-level jobs in high-demand industry sectors. Unfilled jobs in these high-demand industry sectors continue to detract from Louisiana’s economic growth.

Solution – Louisiana’s Jump Start program, which for the first time aligns Louisiana’s K-12 CTE strategy with the state’s economic development strategies.

Jump Start regional teams – consisting of school districts, colleges, businesses and workforce / economic development experts – collaborate to provide career courses and workplace experiences to high school students. Students have the opportunity in high school to earn industry-valued, industry-promulgated credentials in the career fields most likely to lead to high-wage jobs, while preparing them to continue their post-secondary education (in 2- and 4- year colleges) and career development. ☐

Schools receive the same credit in their letter grade for students who earn a nationally- recognized certificate in a high-demand job sector as they currently do for students who score 3, 4 or 5 on an AP test. *Schools will be rewarded for preparing their students for college and career.* ☐

What’s Different about Louisiana’s Jump Start Program?

- 1) Requires student to attain industry-valued credentials to graduate
- 2) Regional teams lead implementation, creating Jump Start Graduation Pathways (“a pathway for every student”)
- 3) Schools receive the same credit for preparing students for careers in high-demand job sectors as they do for students who achieve top AP test scores
- 4) New funding sources tied to teacher development and investment in modern CTE facilities
- 5) Regional team-developed Career Readiness course suites (8th grade course on Career Awareness, 9th grade course on Personal Path / High School Success, 12th grade course on Job Attainment / Job Performance)

Jump Start courses and training will be offered to all high school students regardless of diploma pathway: as elective credit for students pursuing a TOPS Academic Diploma and required credit for students seeking a Jump Start Career Diploma. ☐

Sample Jump Start Industry-Promulgated Credentials		
“Statewide” Industry Credentials	“Regional” Industry Credentials	“Complementary” Credentials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASE Student Certification (auto service) • AWS Welding • C4M (certification for manufacturing) • Certified Nursing Aide • CompTIA Security+ (Cybersecurity) • Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) • NCCER Electrician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Hospitality & Tourism Management Professional (American Hospitality & Lodging) • Commercial Drivers License • Customer Service and Sales (National Retail Federation) • Fashion Design (Pre-PAC Fashion, Textiles, & Apparel) • Emergency Telecommunicator (formerly Priority Dispatch) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid / CPR / AED • Microsoft Office Certification • OSHA 10 (Workplace Safety)
“Statewide” credentials are for high-demand industry sectors. “Regional” credentials are for regional employers. “Complementary” credentials have value across industry sectors. <i>Each graduation pathway (see next page) specifies the required culminating industry credential(s).</i>		

Jump Start established a four year implementation plan, with complete statewide implementation set for the 2017-2018 school year.

Jump Start Graduation Pathways – Jump Start regional teams have developed 45 graduation pathways, following through on the promise of “a pathway for every student.” Additional Pathways are being designed to enhance career choices.

Statewide Graduation Pathways	
1) Automobile Service	11) HVAC Tech
2) Carpenter	12) Industrial Maintenance Mechanic
3) Certified Mechanical Drafter	13) Internet Web Foundations
4) Certified Nursing Assistant	14) Mobile Crane Operator
5) Collision Repair	15) Oil & Gas T2 Safety Systems
6) Cyber Engineering	16) Pipefitter
7) Dental	17) Plumber
8) Electrician	18) Prostart
9) Emergency Medical Tech	19) Web Design Professional
10) Four Stroke Engine Tech	20) Welder
Integrated Graduation Pathways	
21) Agriculture Tech	26) Manufacturing Specialist
22) Digital Media	27) Manufacturing, Construction Crafts & Logistics
23) Health Sciences – Patient Care and Management	28) Maritime
24) Hospitality, Tourism, Culinary and Retail	29) STEM
25) Information Technology	30) Technology Specialist
K-16 Pathways	
31) Digital Design & Emergent Media	33) Micro-Enterprise
32) Environmental Protection and Sustainability	34) Pre-Engineering
Regional Graduation Pathways	
35) Business Management	42) Mason
36) Carpenter’s Helper	43) Pipefitter’s Helper
37) Commercial Driver	44) Public Service
38) Early Childhood Education	45) Sheet Metal
39) Electrician’s Helper	46) Welder’s Helper
40) Fashion Design	47) Workplace Safety
41) Industrial Maintenance Mechanic’s Helper	

Each of these pathways – as well as fact sheets providing comprehensive information on each industry credential – are available for download on the Louisiana Department of Education’s *All Things Jump Start* web portal.