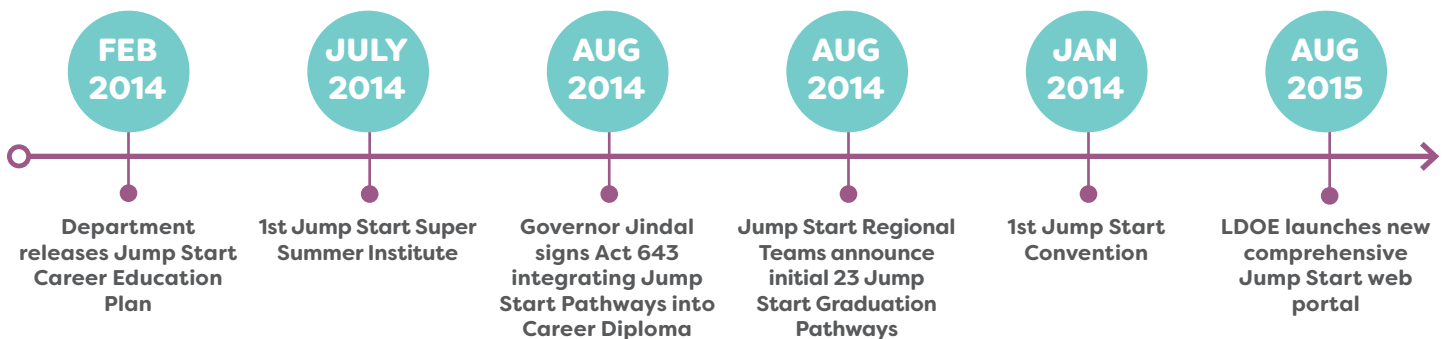


JUMP START

WHAT IS JUMP START?

Jump Start, Louisiana's innovative program centering on career readiness, aligns educational goals with the state's economic development strategies. Jump Start prepares students to lead productive adult lives, capable of continuing their education after high school while earning certifications that will create pathways to prosperity upon graduation.

Students pursuing a TOPS Tech Career Diploma, with aspirations for an industry based career, are required to attain industry-valued credentials in order to graduate. However, all Louisiana students, even those on the TOPS University Diploma track are encouraged to obtain industry-based credentials in order to prepare for high-wage, high-demand careers.



WHAT SUCCESS HAS JUMP START HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

IN THE NEWS

"Louisiana Pushing Industry Externships for Teachers This Summer"

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/teacherbeat/2016/06/louisiana_teachers_head_into_i.html?q=Louisiana+jump+start

"Three Ways Louisiana is Getting Students Career-Ready"

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/three-ways-louisiana-is-getting-students-career-ready_us_57eea654e4b07f20daa108e8

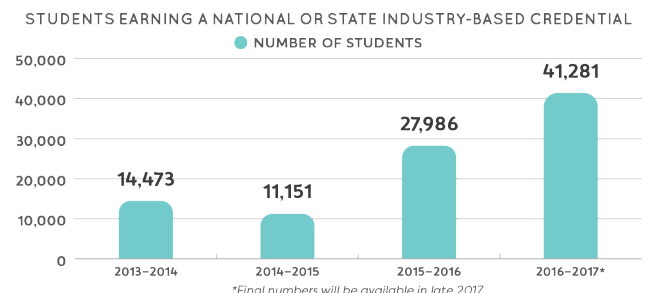
"Jump Start Super Summer Institute Draws Record Attendance"

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/news-releases/2017/07/17/jump-start-super-summer-institute-draws-record-attendance>

"Legislators, Education Leaders Honor Student Who Earned Industry Credentials through Jump Start Summers Program"

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/news-releases/2017/08/31/in-case-you-missed-it-legislators-education-leaders-honor-students-who-earned-industry-credentials-through-jump-start-summers-program>

Louisiana is committed to expanding opportunities for students to explore and earn industry-based credentials. Jump Start pathways are dramatically increasing the number of students earning industry-based credentials across the state.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR JUMP START?

Jump Start Graduation Pathways will strengthen its connections with postsecondary and industry through K-16 Pathways, i. e., the Pre-Engineering Pathway, and Jump Start Summers. The K-16 Pathways expand access to STEM education. New pathways under consideration include computer science, coastal restoration, robotics and advanced medicine. Supporting these efforts will be a new career readiness course connecting student interests, career aspirations and workforce/education goals. Together, these efforts will broaden access and enhance opportunities for all students to be productive citizens.

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