WHAT IS JUMP START?

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

Jump Start prepares students to lead productive adult lives, capable of continuing their education after high school while earning certifications that create pathways to prosperity.

Jump Start aligns Louisiana’s K-12 CTE strategy with the state’s economic development strategies, preparing students for the careers that will drive our state’s future prosperity. All Louisiana students, even those on the TOPS University Diploma track, can obtain industry-based credentials to prepare for high-wage, high-demand careers.

WHAT SUCCESS HAS JUMP START HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

In the News

- Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) voted to expand the Jump Start Summers program (WAFB9)
- In 3 years, Louisiana has tripled the number of students getting industry credentials (Nola.com)
- BESE approves Pre-Educator (News Star)

WHAT’S NEXT FOR JUMP START?

The goal of Jump Start 2.0 is to provide students with a clear path to success. This includes streamlining pathways to better prepare students to earn capstone credentials that are aligned with employability, rigor, and career quality. In order for Louisiana’s economy to thrive, students need to enter into the workforce prepared for high-quality jobs.

Jump Start 2.0 seeks to streamline pathways in order better prepare students for success. The three pillars are:

1. Every Jump Start Career Diploma student graduates having demonstrated success in the workplace, preparing them to work in a high-wage, high-growth industry.
2. Every Louisianan knows and values the Jump Start Career Diploma path as fluently as the TOPS University path.
3. Community leaders create systems that bridge education and employment, without state intervention, throughout Louisiana.