

JUMP START

JUMP START is Louisiana's Career and Technical Education program.

Through Jump Start students earn industry credentials while still in high school.

Jump Start students graduate high school prepared to secure a high-wage job *and* attend a technical or community college.



JUMP START
makes high school
more **relevant**.

JUMP START students...

- » attain industry credentials that employers value when deciding who to hire for entry-level positions;
- » complete Introductory Career Essentials courses where students master workplace “soft skills” that help them find good jobs and succeed when they report to their first jobs;
- » complete internships (either workplace internships or “virtual workplace experiences”) during high school that teach them about the world of work;
- » complete course work that enables Jump Start students to continue their education, through employer training, technical college courses and eventually (if they want) at a four year university.

Louisiana's Two High School Diploma Pathways

- » **TOPS University Pathway** – for students who plan on attending a four-year college or university, requiring students to complete coursework that will qualify them for TOPS scholarships.
- » **Jump Start Pathway** – for students interested in preparing for college *and* career, requiring students:
 - a. to complete coursework that prepares them to continue their education at a technical or community college; and
 - b. to earn industry credentials that will help them attain entry-level employment.