

Statewide Mentor Network



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The Statewide Mentor Network, facilitated by LCEE, consists of business and industry members willing to serve as in-person or virtual mentors for your students.

The Mentor Network enables Louisiana schools to implement innovative Jump Start opportunities- including credit-bearing courses like the Virtual Workplace Experience, and industry-bearing credentials, like the Micro-Enterprise Credential.

Benefits to Mentors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentors can provide high-impact help to students in a format requiring a very modest time commitment Mentors can develop a pipeline of future employees by sharing information about their industry Mentors can expand their brand and meet outreach goals, enhancing their workforce development efforts
Benefits to Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students practice and master essential employability “soft skills” by interacting with mentors Students engage with local and global industry experts from the career fields they most want to learn about Students who are unable to participate in internships can complete Virtual Workplace Experiences to earn academic credits that count as part of every Jump Start Pathway
Benefits to Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentors reinforce in-class training, helping teachers link academic and CTE content to real-world application Teachers can utilize industry professionals for student presentations, and as judges for class projects and competitions Louisiana teachers will be able to complete multi-industry Virtual Externships, as they engage with industry professionals themselves
Benefits to Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentor engagement enables students to complete courses that count as part of every Jump Start Pathway Mentor-driven courses enable districts and charter schools to earn additional CTE and CDF funding Mentor engagement is a critical component of Jump Start credentials like the Regional Micro-Enterprise Credential (<i>a low-cost, gender-neutral credential that every Louisiana student can attain.</i>)

Getting Started with the Mentor Network

Virtual Mentors: Contact Nepris 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Go to https://www.nepris.com/go/la Click on the “Sign Up” button Fill in fields to create a profile Click on “Create New Request (<i>please allow 3 weeks to match your request</i>)” Email support@nepris.com Call (855) 472-2567 Access Help Videos https://www.nepris.com/howtovideo
In-Person Mentors: Use Your Contacts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Use your contacts: reach out to people you know and their spouses, and ask them to serve in-person, or request they register on Nepris Enlist the assistance of your Principal, CTE, Coordinator, etc. who can issue a community-side Call to Action Contact your local Chamber to make a presentation to members
Mentor Recruitment: Contact LCEE 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Laura Smith at laura@lcee.org to request assistance identifying mentors from specific industry sectors Contact Laura Smith if you would like LCEE to make a presentation to your local chamber to recruit in-person or virtual mentors. Call Laura at (225) 241-1524