

Jump Start Summers Request for Applications (RFA)

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Jump Start Summers Overview

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is seeking school systems, charter management organizations and private party course providers willing to sponsor student summer training sessions in collaboration with industry partners. The programs can serve rising 10th, 11th or 12th graders, and post-graduates in the May 2023 cohort.

Jump Start Summers programs funded by Course Choice/Supplemental Course Allocation (SCA) are available to launch scaffolded, multiyear, summer training sessions in public school facilities and on employer worksites that help students prepare for college, career, and life success. Work-based learning (WBL) provides an unparalleled opportunity for students to master essential workplace behaviors and communication skills, which makes academic schoolwork more relevant. This is true for all students, university-bound as well as career-focused students. SCA funding is awarded to all school systems and may be used to fund BESE-approved Jump Start Summers WBL programs.

Approved Jump Start Summers programs will offer school systems, charter schools and course providers with a low-hassle, minimal paperwork process to launch Summer 2023 Carnegie credit opportunities aligned to [Fast Forward Pathways](#), [Jump Start 2.0 Coursework](#), statewide basic or advanced credentials, participate in work-based learning and/or earn a student stipend for participation.

Jump Start Summers programs offer students the opportunity to:

1. earn academic Carnegie and/or dual enrollment credit during the summer aligned to [Jump Start](#) or [Fast Forward](#);
2. earn statewide industry-based credentials (IBCs) in Jump Start Pathways adopted by the local school system;
3. engage in work-based learning by job shadowing and/or internship experiences or pre-apprenticeships/apprenticeships with at least one committed industry partner;
4. receive stipends based on attendance, engagement and achievement.

Programs not having all 4 components may be approved for students already possessing IBCs who will participate in full internships or registered apprenticeships in the summer.

Earn academic Carnegie and/or dual enrollment credit during the summer

- All courses offered must have an officially recognized Louisiana course title, code, and Carnegie units earned.
- Courses for Carnegie credit should adhere to bulletin policy as related to instructional minutes.
- Credits and IBCs earned must be uploaded to student transcripts by August 31.

Earn industry-based credentials in Jump Start Pathways adopted by the local school system

- The program focus for rising 10th graders to post-graduation seniors is on earning or making significant progress towards **statewide basic or advanced credentials or coursework aligned to a Fast Forward pathway** that offer quality skills to match high-wage, high demand jobs in the region based and on the most current [Workforce Investment Counsel \(WIC\) State Focus List](#).

- Rising 10th graders may earn an emerging credential that is mandatory to earn a statewide basic or advanced IBC (if there is a plan to advance) on the most current [WIC State Focus List](#).
- IBCs earned should be uploaded to student transcripts by August 31.

Engage in workplace-based learning by job shadowing and/or internship experiences or pre-apprenticeships/apprenticeships with at least one committed industry partner

- WBL must be meaningful and relate to the coursework and IBCs.
- A minimum of 16 hours of WBL is included in all approved programs.

Receive a stipends based on attendance, engagement, and achievement

- Stipends should adequately reflect the time students spend in the program.
- Stipends may vary to include incentives for attendance, engagement and achievement.

Applicants should apply to run programs for which they have access to trained instructors and fully equipped facilities available to provide instruction.

- Funds may be used to pay for instruction, for mandatory student materials, textbooks, and supplies needed for a course, for transportation, for IBC testing costs and to pay student stipends. These costs are detailed in the budget and combined to create a per student tuition.
- Funds **may not** be used for equipment, facility rental, upgrades, or enhancements or to train instructors for the program. CDF funds may be used for these purposes.

Priority approval for Jump Start Summers programs will be granted to school systems/charters/course providers who demonstrate:

1. Student potential at earning or showing significant progress towards earning a high value IBC on the latest WIC State Focus List that align to high wage, high demand jobs in the region.
2. Coursework aligned to the Fast Forward Pathway
3. Student participation in internships or registered apprenticeships aligned with high wage, high demand jobs in the region.
4. Student participation in courses aligned to high wage, high demand statewide IBCs.

Application/Approval Timeline

RFA Release	February 20, 2023
Priority Deadline	March 13, 2022
BESE Approval <i>for new providers and providers approved in 2020</i>	April 18, 2023

Approval Process for NEW Jump Start Summer Providers

Written Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> short, written application describing the components of each program complete online application
Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> virtual interview conducted by a team of LDOE staff must receive a proceed rating
Independent Panel Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> independent expert review of results of the interview team must receive a favorable rating to move on for final approval
BESE Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BESE meets to consider final approval of new providers on April 18, 2022

Program Course Catalog Approval Process for Providers already approved and requiring reauthorization

Written Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> short, written application describing the components of each program complete online application
BESE Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BESE meets to consider final approval of reauthorized providers on April 18, 2022

Program Approval Process for Providers already approved and NOT requiring reauthorization

Written Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> short, written application describing the components of each program complete online application
LDOE Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDOE catalog review and approval

Approved providers will receive an annual evaluation and [results are published in the annual evaluation report](#). Providers are initially approved for three years pending successful implementation and evaluation results each summer.

If your school system Jump Start Summers contact has changed, contact jumpstart@la.gov to update that information.

Jump Start Summers 2023 Provider Application