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Based on the hard work of hundreds of educators, business leaders and economic / workforce development experts across Louisiana, we’ve made great progress so far in implementing Jump Start:

- 1) new legislation that enables students to earn a Jump Start Career Diploma, affording students the opportunity to develop essential workplace and learning skills;
- 2) a new MFP that includes millions of dollars in new Career Development Funds. CDF funds enable public schools to provide teacher training, new facilities and new equipment for CTE courses in high-growth job sectors;
- 3) a highly successful Jump Start Super Summer Institute, where over 250 Louisiana teachers earned the certifications they need to teach CDF-qualifying CTE courses;
- 4) agreements between BESE and all 13 LCTCS institutions to make LCTCS craft skills courses available to Louisiana students through the Supplemental Course Allocation (another new funding source in the MFP);
- 5) the submission of approximately 30 graduation pathways (see below) that will show educators across the state how Louisiana students can earn their Jump Start Career Diploma;
- 6) the development of a new generation of Career Readiness courses developed by three different Jump Start Regional teams, some ready for implementation immediately in the 2014-2015 school year; and
- 7) a series of developments (see page 2) that together will enable Louisiana to achieve the Jump Start vision: “a state-of-the-art system of career and technical education provided by high schools, community and technical colleges and employers themselves.”

Jump Start Graduation Pathway Review Panel

Starting this week, the Jump Start Graduation Pathway Review panel will convene to review approximately 30 statewide and regional pathways submitted by the Greater Acadiana, Gulf River Parishes and Capitol Region Jump Start Regional Teams. The table below indicates the pathways that have been submitted for review:

Jump Start Graduation Pathways Submitted: July, 2014	
1) <i>Agriculture Technician</i>	17) Internet Web Foundations
2) Automobile Service Excellence (ASE)	18) <i>Logistics (imminent)</i>
3) <i>Business Management</i>	19) Manufacturing Specialist
4) Carpenter (NCCER)	20) Medical Business Administration
5) Certified Mechanical Apprentice Drafter	21) Mobile Crane Operator
6) Certified Nursing Assistant	22) <i>Nutrition and Food</i>
7) Collision Repair	23) Oil & Gas T-2
8) <i>Digital Media and Entertainment Technology (imminent)</i>	24) <i>Personal Care Services</i>
9) Emergency Medical Technician	25) ProStart (Restaurant)
10) Fashion Design for Costume and Film	26) <i>PTech (Chemical/Process Industries) (imminent)</i>
11) Four Stroke Engine Technician	27) <i>ROTC (imminent)</i>
12) Health Sciences (includes EMT) <i>(imminent)</i>	28) <i>STEM Pathway</i>
13) HVAC (NCCER)	29) Web Design Professional
14) <i>Hospitality, Tourism, Culinary and Retail</i>	30) Welding
15) Industrial Maintenance Mechanic	31) <i>Welder’s Helper</i>
16) Industrial Operations and Maintenance <i>(imminent)</i>	

Pathways in italics are proposed regional graduation pathways



This Panel consists of representatives of Louisiana Economic Development, Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Department of Education. The mission of the Panel is to make sure that graduation pathways prepare students for employment, lifelong learning and successful adulthood, while conforming to policy and law. *Regional teams can expect “give and take” with the Panel as they provide suggestions and guidance for each graduation pathway, including (if requested) virtual meetings to discuss any feedback provided.*

Jump Start Credentials Survey

The Jump Start team is enlisting the support of industry leaders across the state to complete a survey on Jump Start Credentials. ***The objective of this online survey is to get input from business leaders across Louisiana about the credentials they value the most when hiring young adults for entry-level positions.***

We encourage Louisiana employers of all sizes and from all industries to click on the link below to take this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JumpStartCredentialsIndustrySurvey>

This survey will take no more than 10 minutes (we've tested it!), and will provide Jump Start Regional Teams around the state with the information they need to help students graduate with both a solid academic foundation *and* the credentials they need to attain employment.

Coming Attractions

There is other exciting Jump Start news around the corner:

- the next round of applications for ***Jump Starting Jump Start Grants*** will be launched in late August. This second round of grants will distribute over twice as much money as the first round of grants;
- later in the fall we will be announcing the development of ***Regional Workplace Experience Exchanges***, where schools and industry can work together to maximize the number of authentic workplace experiences (ranging from industry speakers to workplace visits to apprenticeships and internships) available to Louisiana students. These regional exchanges will include the development of a network of “near-peer mentors,” i.e., recent high school graduates who have successfully attained their employment of choice, and who can help guide high school students as they plan their post-graduation future;
- this fall we will also announce the development of a new ***Career Math Curriculum***, as the Department collaborates with university experts to develop high school math courses that will help Louisiana students develop the numeracy they need to succeed in high-growth technical job sectors;
- we will be holding the first annual ***Jump Starting Jump Start Convention in New Orleans*** later this fall. Details about this convention will be released after school starts in August; and
- three Jump Start Regional Teams have developed and will now implement ***a new generation of Career Readiness courses*** that will help middle school students, 9th / 10th graders and seniors learn about careers, develop effective skills and behaviors, and attain the employment of their choice. Details on how schools and teachers around the state can review and start using these materials will be available in the fall.

There are many exciting developments with Jump Start, and many more to come. To make sure you receive all the latest updates, please subscribe to the ***What's New With Jump Start*** blog at www.JumpStartLA.wordpress.com