

Last week, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) took several actions that directly impact the activities of or are significant interest to local education agencies. A summary is provided below.

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Approval of Course Choice providers for the Jump Start Summers Programs

Jump Start Summers Programs, funded by Supplemental Course Allocation (SCA), are available to launch scaffolded, multiyear summer training sessions in public school facilities and on employer worksites that aid student preparation for college, career, and life success. Sponsoring school systems, charter schools, and course providers are approved as course providers to use SCA funding to launch and sustain student summer training programs contingent upon having at least one committed industry partner willing to provide students with the opportunity to complete on-site job shadowing and/or internships with student stipends. Students will receive an academic Carnegie credit, Industry Based Credential, and stipend for sessions successfully completed.

[Click here](#) to view the approved Course Choice providers for the Jump Start Summers Program.

Approval of revisions to Bulletin 741, Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, relative to substance abuse prevention

BESE approved revisions to Bulletin 741 which ensure an opioid-specific component is included in substance abuse prevention programs. Additional supports, resources, and training will be made available to local school systems during the summer 2018 and integrated into professional development and communication structures beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

[Click here](#) to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*.

Approval of Allocations

The Board approved several allocations of funding to local school systems at last week's meeting, including funding for teacher preparation transition support, funding to support rural school systems access to high-quality teacher preparation programs, and funding for immersion expansion.

[Click here](#) to view the list of allocations approved at last week's meeting.