Career and Technical Education in Louisiana

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools and area CTE centers that provide supplemental academic and career training to students from the local school district.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is offered through the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), which offers programs on nearly 50 campuses statewide.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Louisiana

- **Jump Start** aligns Louisiana’s K-12 CTE strategy with its economic development strategy, preparing students for careers that will drive the state’s future prosperity. Through K-16 Jump Start pathways, Louisiana students attain valued industry credentials; take Career Readiness courses where they master employability skills; participate in internships at a worksite or virtually; and complete coursework that enables them to continue their education. Jump Start is dramatically increasing the number of students attaining industry-recognized certifications: Certifications earned have increased almost fourfold in the past three years. In the future, the initiative will expand to include Jump Start Summers, providing students with the experiences described above and a summer wage. Jump Start teachers are supported through externships, training for industry credentials, engagement with industry experts, stipends for course materials and, soon, online professional development. In addition, the forthcoming Jump Start Leadership Academy will prepare educators and industry experts to be the next generation of CTE leaders. *Information from the Louisiana Department of Education*

In school year 2016-2017:
- 92 percent of Louisiana CTE high school students graduated
- 88 percent met performance goals for technical skills
- 79 percent met performance goals for reading/language arts
- 74.5 percent of Louisiana CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills

In Fiscal Year 2019, Louisiana received an estimated **$22,095,325** in federal Perkins funding—the first increase since 2010, before Tech Prep was defunded, when the state received $23.2 million.

*Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education*