**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.

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| **Benefits to**  ***Mentors*** | * 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*** | * 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*** | * 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*** | * 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 *(a low-cost, gender-neutral credential that every Louisiana student can attain.)* |

**Getting Started with the Mentor Network**

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| **Virtual Mentors:**  **Contact Nepris**  **C:\Users\Laura\Pictures\April Calendar\Turn-Key Financial Literacy $olution_files\nepris-logo.png** | 1. Go to <https://www.nepris.com/go/la> 2. Click on the “Sign Up” button 3. Fill in fields to create a profile 4. Click on “Create New Request *(please allow 3 weeks to match your request)*   Email [support@nepris.com](mailto:support@nepris.com) Call (855) 472-2567  Access Help Videos <https://www.nepris.com/howtovideo> |
| **In-Person Mentors:**  **Use Your Contacts** | 1. 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 2. Enlist the assistance of your Principal, CTE, Coordinator, etc. who can issue a community-side Call to Action 3. Contact your local Chamber to make a presentation to members |
| **C:\Users\Laura\Pictures\April Calendar\Turn-Key Financial Literacy $olution_files\LCEE.pngMentor Recruitment: Contact LCEE** | 1. Contact Laura Smith at [laura@lcee.org](mailto:laura@lcee.org) to request assistance identifying mentors from specific industry sectors 2. 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 |