

Educational Talent Search

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Program History

Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a federally funded TRiO program which provides services to assist in the successful enrollment or re-enrollment of students into postsecondary education for students. ETS has been at The University of Akron since September 1991. The program services 972 students in grades 6th through 12th and eligible adults who want to pursue a college degree.

Program Grant Objectives

- 85% of non-senior participants served each project year will complete the current academic year and continue in school for the next academic year, at the next grade level.
- 85% of seniors served during the project year will graduate during the project year with a regular secondary school diploma, within the standard number of years.
- 80% of seniors served during the project year will complete a rigorous secondary school program of study and will graduate during the project year with a regular secondary school diploma within the standard number of years.
- 55% of participants, who have graduated with a regular secondary school diploma, during the project year, will enroll in an institution of higher education by the fall semester immediately following high school graduation.

- 30% of participants serviced during the project year, who enrolled in an institution of higher education, by the next academic semester as a result of acceptance but deferred enrollment, will complete a program of postsecondary education with six years.

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Academic Year Component

ETS staff conducts monthly workshops in Akron Public Schools. In addition, students have opportunities to attend cultural events as well as go on college tours.

Summer Component

Grade level academic enrichment summer camps are offered to ETS students to enhance the academic, cultural, and social skills of participants and their families.

Adult Services

Services are offered for free to adults who have not completed high school or college stop outs. These services include GED and college entry information, along with college tours and cultural events.

Services Include:

- Financial Aid Information & Workshops
- ACT/ SAT Prep and Waivers
- Tutoring Services
- College Campus Visits
- Monthly School Workshops
- Career Assessment & Exploration
- College Application Waivers
- Assistance in completing college applications
- ACT Prep Classes

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Annual Events

- Financial Aid Workshops
- Scholarship Information
- STARS Banquet
- College Tours
- Spring Break Student Events
- Summer Enrichment Camps
- ACT Prep Classes
- ACT/SAT Waivers

Mission Statement

Academic Achievement Programs is dedicated to the mission of preparing students for success in higher education. It provides academic, social, and cultural experiences for students from grades 6 through 12. Through four distinct programs it expands and enhances the academic instruction and adds value to the development of students through an intensive summer component and full academic year activities. These experiences are intended to empower students to make good decisions at home, in school and in personal relationships, which will improve their home school graduation rates and facilitate their successful admission to and graduation from postsecondary educational institutions.

Vision

- We view each participant as capable of achieving a college degree with appropriate guidance
- We involve each participant in academic experiences which improve skill levels
- We support the personal growth and development of each participant
- Through intellectually stimulating challenges which engage participants in critical thinking
- We provide leadership opportunities and encourage personal and group integrity
- We never negotiate when it comes to honesty and respect of self and others