

Educational Talent Search Program at Cal Poly

The Cal Poly Educational Talent Search (ETS) program serves students in grades seven through twelve. The goal of ETS is to assist junior high and high school youth, who are low-income and/or potential first-generation college students, to graduate from high school and help prepare them for college. Through interactive workshops and informational sessions led by program staff, ETS offers various educational outreach strategies designed to develop participant motivation and supplement their academic preparation. These strategies include; college prep counseling, college admissions requirements, scholarships, various student financial aid programs plus college fieldtrips.

2006-07 Outcomes

The Cal Poly Educational Talent Search Program achieved a 96.7% graduation rate in the 2006-07 project year.

The California Department of Education reports a high School Graduation rate of 67.7% for the class of 2007 (The Education Trust-west "Getting More Honest About High Schools", <http://www2.edtrust.org/edtrust/etw>).

The Cal Poly Educational Talent Search Program achieved a 90.3% postsecondary application rate and an 88.7% enrollment rate in the 2006-07 project year.

College-Going Rates of Public High School Students Statewide to Any California Public College or University in 2007 was 47% (California Postsecondary Education Commission <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/StudentData/CACGRTrendGraph.asp>).

The Cal Poly Educational Talent Search Program achieved a 90.3% financial aid application rate in the 2006-07 project year.

A review of a series of target area school graduating class compared to the number of Cal Grant Application for the same year, demonstrated that on the high end, 35 % of graduating seniors applied for financial aid. (CDE Educational Demographics Unit; Completed Cal Grant Applications and Number of New Awards by Cal-SOAP School, 2005).