Goals of TRIO Educational Talent Search

The goals of ETS are retention in and graduation from a secondary school and a positive placement in post-secondary school including college, university, trade, technical, or proprietary school.

Services include:
• High school course planning
• Study skill building
• ACT/SAT preparation and fee waivers
• Career information
• Service learning
• Tutoring referrals
• College campus visits
• Quarterly newsletter
• College fairs
• Financial literacy workshops
• Admissions applications assistance
• FAFSA workshops and completion
• Scholarship application completion
• Access to college application fee waivers

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Boise State University’s TRIO Educational Talent Search

TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a federally funded program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. ETS was originally sponsored by Sargent Shriver and was one of President Johnson’s Great Society measures.

The program has been funded nationwide since 1965 and in the Treasure Valley since 1974. Boise State University Educational Talent Search (ETS) has continued to obtain funding and is able to provide expanded services to students.

Boise State University ETS serves 1,543 students grades 8-12. Two-thirds of the participants must be first-generation to college (neither parent graduated from college) and come from limited income families. Students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Participants receive differing levels of service depending upon the grade level.

77% Enroll in Post-Secondary Education

11th and 12th Grade
ETS students in the 11th and 12th grades are provided with information they will need to enroll in a program of post-secondary education, be it college, university, vo-tech, or trade school.
- Admissions information
- College visitations
- Course requirements
- Pre-college test preparation and registration assistance (ACT, SAT, COMPASS)
- Scholarship information
- Financial aid application processing
- Career information and tutoring
- Financial literacy

8th Grade
Students enrolled in ETS as 8th graders receive a variety of services concerning:
- Study skills
- Financial literacy
- Career information
- Opportunities for post-secondary education
- Information on what classes to take in high school and college
- Opportunities to attend field trips pertaining to career exploration

9th and 10th Grade
ETS students in the 9th and 10th grades are provided with additional study skills assistance, career information, and course work selection.
- Career information is disseminated
- Career field trips are provided
- College visits
- General college information
- College fair attendance
- Pre-college test prep and registration assistance (PSAT/PLAN)
- Financial literacy

95% Complete FAFSA Applications

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