

# Educational Talent Search

## Audience

The program is designed to assist low-income and first generation students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades complete high school and attend college. The Talent Search program serves approximately 600 hundred middle and high school students who are first generation/low income and adults working on the GED in the Lansing School District (Everett, Sexton, and Eastern High Schools; Dwight Rich, Otto, and Pattengill Middle Schools). Eligibility criteria for selection to the Talent Search Program are:

- \*Be eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch
- \*be the first in your family to pursue a degree and graduate from a college university
- \*take an active interest in their educational success

## Funding

Educational Talent Search is a federally funded program through the United States Department of Education, receiving approximately \$243,542 each year for four years to service targeted population.

## Objectives

- \*promote secondary school promotion
- \*promote secondary school graduation
- \*promote financial aid literacy
- \*promote/prepare students to make application for post-secondary admissions
- \*Promote postsecondary education enrollment

## Description

Educational Talent Search provides academic and career counseling; college application assistance; financial literacy; cultural and enrichment activities; and parenting and college expectation seminars. All Talent Search activities designed to assist student in graduation from high school and to continue on to a post-secondary institution of their choice.

## Impacts

Ninety percent of non-seniors Talent Search participants served during the 2010 program period were promoted to the next grade level.

Ninety five percent of high school seniors served by Talent Search 2010 graduated from high school and received a certificate of completion or equivalency .

One hundred percent of Talent Search college ready participants applied for financial aid assistance.

Seventy-five percent of Talent Search college ready participants applied to and was accepted to a post-secondary institution

Talent Search worked with 714 students during the 2009-2010 academic year

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