



# Educational Talent Search

2013



## General Overview

The Educational Talent Search Program (ETS) is a federal program that identifies and serves individuals interested in post secondary education or vocational training. Guidance activities are offered on various topics such as self-exploration, career decisions, financial aid application, and college registration.

## What Can ETS offer me?

- ◇ Academic, financial, career, or personal counseling Including advice on entry or re-entry to secondary or postsecondary programs.
- ◇ Career exploration and aptitude assessment
- ◇ Tutorial services
- ◇ Information on postsecondary education
- ◇ Assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications
- ◇ Mentoring programs
- ◇ Special activities for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders
- ◇ Workshops for the families of participants

## The students we serve:

The Educational Talent Search program (ETS) at Michigan State University works with students in the Lansing School District (LSD) beginning in the 6th grade and continues to assist those students through their senior year. ETS serves with students who are considered to be First Generation and or Low-Income (as stated by federal guidelines).

The following schools:

- [Everett High School](#)
- [Sexton High School](#)
- [Eastern High School](#)
- [Lansing STEM Academy](#)
- [Gardner Academy \(Lansing\)](#)

## Funding

The U.S. Department of Education (USDE)

## Objectives

The goal of Educational Talent Search (ETS) is to increase the number of youth, 6th-12th grade, from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in the post secondary education institution of their choice. Educational Talent Search also serves high school drop-outs, to age 27, by encouraging them to re-enter the educational system and complete their education.

## Description

The Educational Talent Search Program works very closely with campus and off-campus partners. Campus partners include Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Out-Reach and Civic Engagement. Working very closely with the Lansing School District, Talent Search provides academic seminars, mentoring, and tutoring for program participants. Talent Search maintains at least 10 to 20 contact hours with students on a weekly basis.

## Outcomes

Accomplishments for 2013

Talent Search provided services to 598 students during the 2013 academic year

90% of non-senior participants continued to the next academic grade level

95% of seniors served during the 2013 academic year received the district mandated secondary school diploma

75% of seniors served by the program were accepted into an institution of higher education

## Additional Significant Information

Talent Search has recently updated the website to provide even better student access to services offered by the program

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