



Educational Talent Search works with schools and communities to provide a program that opens doors for Maine's students who are at risk of not meeting their potential - by helping them aspire to, prepare for, and access the best educational opportunities available.

"METS is my college lifeline."

*--Candy C.
Lincolville*

"If METS wasn't here I wouldn't even know where to start in applying to college."

*--Brittany P.
Lakes Region HS*

"One of the main reasons I aspired to go to college."

*--Joey B.
Central HS*

Maine's youth deserve equal opportunity and access to higher education.

For more information about TRIO programs visit:

<http://mets.maine.edu>
www.meeoa.org
www.neoonline.org
www.coenet.us

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Maine Educational Talent Search

Helping Maine's Youth Access Higher Education Since 1977

Educational Talent Search (TS)

- is the early intervention federal TRIO Program in Maine - serving students in grades 6 through 12.
- has 41 years of successful experience in helping students aspire to, prepare for, and enroll in college.
- currently serves 1,111 students in Maine – in 17 needy schools.
- is funded entirely by United States Dept. of Education.
- A potential first generation college student is someone whose parents did not earn a bachelors degree.

The Mission of TS is:

- increase the awareness of postsecondary educational opportunities available to Maine's limited income, first generation youth (grades 6-12) that desire to pursue a postsecondary education.
- assist eligible youth in successfully completing their secondary education and preparing for successful entry into postsecondary educational programs, with the goal of ultimately earning a college degree.

Why Educational Talent Search in Maine?

- Only 27.5% of Maine residents age 25 and older have baccalaureate degree or higher. This is the lowest rate in New England. (American Community Survey, 2014).
- Maine is the most welfare dependent state in the nation with 16.2% of households receiving food stamps, compared with the national average of 11.9%. (Maine Heritage Policy Center, 2012).
- **Only 40% of Maine's economically disadvantaged seniors went on to enroll in college by fall.** (National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker Reports, 2013-2015)

A Measure of Student and Program Success

Maine Educational Talent Search has a notable record of student and program success. In 2016,

- 96% of METS seniors graduated.
- **87.4% of METS seniors enrolled in postsecondary education.**
- METS has assisted more than 10,450 Maine Youth enroll in college since 1977.

Why Is TS Successful?

TS students experience a diverse curriculum - as well as opportunities that enhance their development and promote higher education. Our services focus on:

- Academic Skills (i.e. test-taking, study skills, etc)
- Personal Skills (i.e. self-concept, decision making)
- College Awareness & Planning
- Career Education & Exploration
- Financial Planning/Financial Aid process

When compared to other economically disadvantaged high school students in Maine, METS students are twice as likely to enroll in college after high school.