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MESD TRIO Programs

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MESD Alternative Pathways TRIO Programs



The Alternative Pathways program began as a collaborative effort between eight alternative programs in the late 1990's. Funded through the Department of Labor, the goal was to help alternative high school students complete high school and successfully transition to the world of work or post-secondary education. In the fall of 2002, the program was awarded the TRIO/Talent Search grant to help continue services to students. In the fall of 2022, MESD was awarded the Upward Bound grant.



TRIO Grant History

- **Fall 2002:** Awarded TRIO/Talent Search grant.
- **Fall 2022:** Awarded Upward Bound grant.



MESD Alternative Pathways TRIO Programs



Funded through the US Department of Education (potentially US Dept of Labor).



Educational **opportunity** for low-income and first-generation students to pursue postsecondary education.



Goal: Assist students to **overcome** financial, class, social and cultural **barriers** to higher education.



Once in college, TRIO programs provide ongoing assistance to help students earn a **college degree**.



MESD Alternative Pathways TRIO Programs

Program Overview & Partnerships



600+ alternative high school students enrolled annually.



Partnerships with PCC, MHCC, PSU, & other post-secondary institutions.



Committed to supporting low-income, first-generation college students.

Target Schools



Alliance



Helensview



New Avenues for Youth



Open School



Portland YouthBuilders



Reynolds Learning Academy



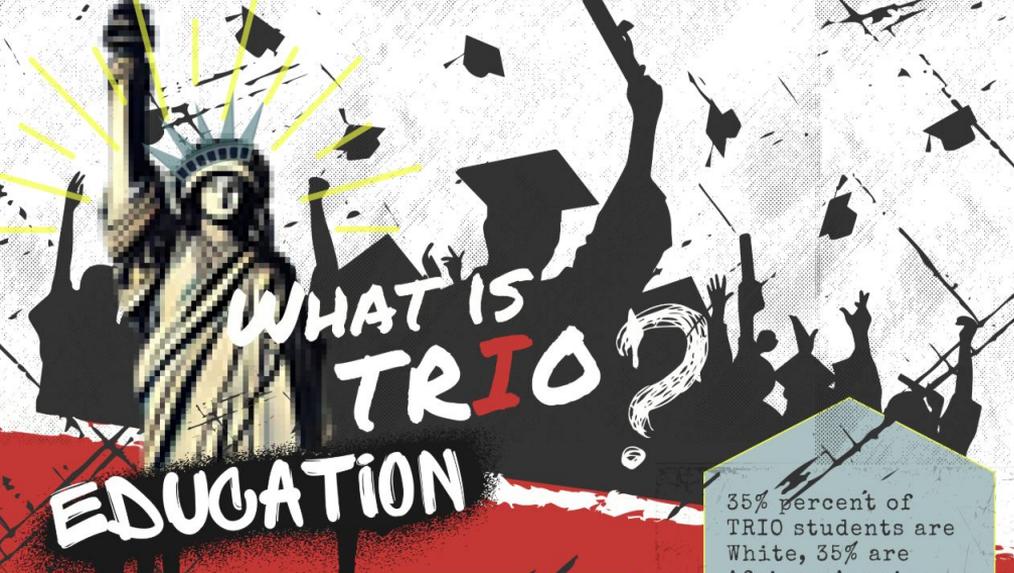
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National TRIO Programs

TRIO is a set of federally-funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue a college degree.

More than 800,000 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities — from sixth grade through college graduation — are served by over 3,100 programs nationally.



WHAT IS TRIO?

EDUCATION

TRIO programs provide academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other supports necessary for educational access and retention. TRIO programs provide direct support services for students, and relevant training for directors and staff.

As mandated by Congress, two-thirds of the students served must come from families with incomes at 150% or less of the federal poverty level and in which neither parent graduated from college. More than 3,100 TRIO projects currently serve close to 800,000 low-income Americans. Many programs serve students in grades six through twelve.

THE GREAT EQUALIZER

35% percent of TRIO students are White, 35% are African American, 19% are Hispanic, 4% are Native American, 3% are Asian-American, and 4% are listed as "Other," including multiracial students.

More than 7,000 students with disabilities and approximately 6,000 U.S. veterans are currently enrolled in TRIO programs.

TRIO Works

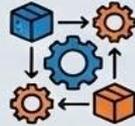
STUDENT VOICES



NATIONAL/ OREGON TRIO STATISTICS

OREGON TRIO

Total No. Projects



58

projects

Students Served



12,590

students

FY 25-26 Funding



\$18,344,024

funding

NATIONAL TRIO

Total No. Projects



3,100

projects

Students Served



812,000

students

FY 25-26 Funding



\$1.19 Billion

funding

Oregon TRIO 2025 Stats...



College Access



7,110

high school students served



5,620

college students served



97%

graduated high school



77%

graduated with a bachelors degree within 6 years

College Success



72%

enrolled in college



82%

college retention rate



84%

completed a FAFSA application



94%

completed a FAFSA application

Local TRIO Statistics 2025



Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization



Upward Bound



52

Students
Served

\$309,505

Funding

Multnomah Education Service District



Talent Search

503

Students
Served

\$299,038

Funding



Upward Bound

60

Students
Served

\$299,038

Funding

Mt. Hood Community College



Talent Search

484

Students
Served

\$288,470

Funding



Student Support
Services

165

Students
Served

\$306,511

Funding

Portland Community College



Student Support
Services



140
Students
Served



\$272,385
Funding

GRAND TOTAL



6

TRIO PROGRAMS



1,405

STUDENTS SERVED



\$1,774,947

FY 2025 FUNDING

MESD TRIO Statistics 2025



Upward Bound



High School Retention Rate: 98%



High School Graduation Rate: 85%



College Enrollment Rate: 53%



FAFSA Completion: 85%



Talent Search



High School Persistence Rate: 82%



High School Graduation Rate: 90%



College Enrollment Rate: 38%



FAFSA Completion: 80%



Rate of 2018-19 Cohort College Graduation Rate in 6 years: 25%

Blueprint'28 – Goal 1: Create A High-Quality Learning Experience for All



Strategy 1: Student learning and perception data drives high quality regional professional learning for teachers, administrators, nurses, and classified staff to build capacity to improve student learning outcomes, reduce/ eliminate barriers, and promote social-emotional skills.

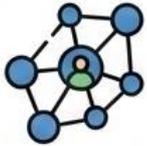


Strategy 2: To reduce & eliminate disparities for ALL groups MESD schools/programs design and implement continuous improvement plans data analysis protocols.



Strategy 3: Increase MESD Student Success and Access to Least Restrictive, Future-Ready Learning Pathways.

Blueprint'28 – Goal 2: Operationalize Systems That Engage & Empower Communities



Strategy 1: Strengthen and Sequence Regional Partnerships and Networks



Strategy 2: Deepen Community Voice in MESD Program & Improvement Cycles



Strategy 3: Develop Regional Capacity for Leadership and Community Empowerment

Blueprint'28 - Goal 3: Build A Culturally Responsive Workforce



Strategy 1: Implement best practices to hire staff with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences.



Strategy 2: Implement best practices to retain staff with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences.



Strategy 3: Improve internal infrastructure to provide stronger support for staff growth and development.