

Spartan East Side Promise

From college exploration,
to college graduation.



About the Program

Within San Jose State University's Student Outreach and Recruitment (SOAR) department, the Spartan East Side Promise Program is designed to support East Side Union High School District students and their families.

Established in 2016, the Spartan East Side Promise (SESP) began as a collaboration between San José State University and East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD) with the goal of offering guaranteed admission to qualified students who graduate from a qualifying school. Through a variety of interactive programming, the SESP provides a pathway to admission at SJSU by clearly specifying the admission requirements and sharing information about resources for academic success with students and families in the district.

In 2019, the Promise began to expand into a program within SOAR that focuses on helping incoming ESUHSD students transition to SJSU, build connections, and navigate the University.

Our Vision is to collaborate with the campus community on interactive, intentional programming to foster academic, personal, and professional development, and a college-going mindset, in ESUHSD students.

To do this, we have three objectives:

1. Help students become part of a larger campus community
2. Serve as a support system for ESUHSD students and their families
3. Decrease the percentage of academic probation and disqualification in a cohort

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The Admissions Process

A detailed outline of the admission requirements and deadlines can be found at sjsu.edu/soar/admissions/Freshmen-admissions.php

To qualify for admission to SJSU, students must:

- Apply to SJSU at calstate.edu/apply/freshman by November 30 of Senior Year
- Complete the required high school A-G courses with grades of "C-" or better by their high school graduation date
- Meet or exceed the CSU Minimum Eligibility Index (Note: Applicants below the 2.5 GPA minimum requirement will not be considered for admission at SJSU)
- Qualified ESUHSD students with a 2.75 GPA or higher are guaranteed admission to Undeclared if they do not meet the impact criteria for their applied major (Note: Students must still complete A-G requirements with a C- or better and meet all deadlines)



Optional SESP Programming

Our programming aims to prepare students and their families for the college academic expectations, and connect students to campus resources prior to the start of their Freshman year. Parents, guardians, or a supportive adult are encouraged to participate in the process along with their student by attending events and workshops provided by the SESP. Some examples of our programming includes:

- College exploration and admissions requirement workshops
- 1:1 appointments and weekly drop-in pre-admissions counseling hours
- Annual events for prospective and provisionally admitted students
- ESUHSD Spartan Summer Program for newly admitted students, in partnership with the ESUHSD and East Side Education Foundation
- SESP Peer Mentor 1:1 check-ins for their personalized Growth Pledge
- Bi-weekly newsletter for enrolled students

For more information on dates and locations of programming, please visit our website sjsu.edu/soar/spartaneastsidepromise



Navigating the University

ESUHSD Spartan Summer Program

In partnership with the East Side Union High School District and East Side Education Foundation, this hybrid summer program provides incoming ESUHSD Freshmen with academic guidance, connections to campus resources, and an opportunity to build their peer support network. This program resembles a pre-orientation, providing tools to assist with the transition from high school to the University.

SESP Peer Mentors and Growth Pledge

All ESUHSD students enrolled at SJSU have the opportunity to take the SESP Growth Pledge. The Growth Pledge is designed to be a commitment from both the student and the Spartan East Side Promise Program staff to advocate, engage and work towards the student's academic success. This pledge includes opportunities to meet at minimum once a semester with an SESP Peer Mentor to discuss and develop an action plan to work towards students' personal, academic, and professional goals. SESP Peer Mentors are available to meet with students as needed by appointment.

Community Partnerships

The community of support for ESUHSD students continues to grow. Below is a list of partnerships within the community, dedicated to breaking down barriers and encouraging the academic success of ESUHSD graduates.

- Silicon Valley Education Foundation, East Side Alliance - Scholarships, middle school Elevate program (svfoundation.org/east-side-alliance)
- East Side Education Foundation - Scholarships (eastside-fund.org/scholarships)
- Excite Credit Union - College savings plan (eastside-fund.org/savings_program)



Eligible East Side Union High School District Schools

- Andrew P. Hill High School
- Evergreen Valley High School
- Independence High School
- James Lick High School
- Mt. Pleasant High School
- Oak Grove High School
- Piedmont Hills High School
- Santa Teresa High School
- Silver Creek High School
- W.C. Overfelt High School
- Yerba Buena High School
- Calero High School
- Foothill High School
- Accel Middle College
- Apollo High School
- Pegasus High School
- Phoenix High School
- College Connection Academy

Watch the video:



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