



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

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



The Admissions Process

A detailed outline of the admission requirements and deadlines can be found at sjsu.edu/admissions/freshman



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 impactation 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. For more information on dates and locations of programming, please visit our website.



View more about our program...



“IT IS EAST SIDE’S GOAL THAT ALL STUDENTS BECOME FULL PARTICIPANTS IN SILICON VALLEY. THE SPARTAN EAST SIDE PROMISE CONTINUES TO OPEN THE DOOR TO COLLEGE FOR OUR STUDENTS – MAKING FULL PARTICIPATION A REALITY.”

Glenn Vander Zee, Superintendent
East Side Union High School District

Our Programming: High School

- College exploration and admission requirement workshops
- 1:1 appointments and weekly drop-in pre-admissions counseling hours
- Annual SJSU Preview Day event for High School Seniors (November)
- “Becoming a Spartan” event for newly admitted students (March)
- ESUHSD Spartan Summer Program for newly admitted students, in partnership with the ESUHSD and East Side Education Foundation (June)

Enrolled SJSU Students (ESUHSD Alumni)

- Live and Self-Paced Virtual special topic workshops such as enrollment, changing majors, study skills, and midterm/finals preparation
- Skill building and networking hybrid events throughout the academic year
 - Virtual Office Hours
- SESP Peer Mentor 1:1 check-ins
- Personalized Growth Pledge portfolios
- Weekly newsletter and interactive Google Classroom and Canvas Course



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Transition

ESUHSD Spartan Summer Program

After students have been admitted and complete the intent to enroll process, they are eligible to register for our ESUHSD Spartan Summer Program. This program resembles a pre-orientation, providing tools to assist with the transition from high school to the University.



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 once a month with a Transition Coordinator to discuss your 4-5 year academic plan, and develop an action plan to work towards students' personal and professional goals.

SESP Peer Mentors

Every incoming ESUHSD student is assigned a Peer Mentor that communicates with their cohorts twice a month via email, and check-in calls at least twice a semester. Peer Mentors are available to meet with students as needed by appointment or virtual drop-in hours.

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
- East Side Education Foundation - Scholarships: Rising Senior for SJSU graduating Senior who participated in the ESUHSD Spartan Summer Program
- ESUHSD Spartan Summer Program
- Excite Credit Union - College savings plan



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