Mission
The mission of the North Carolina State University Educational Talent Search Program is to provide equal access to quality education by facilitating retention and promotion from middle and secondary grades through college completion.

History
Educational Talent Search began in 1992 a pre-college educational enrichment program funded by the U.S. Department of Education, and is one of three TRIO programs at NC State University. The program has served thousands of students providing access to higher education to first generation and/or low-income students by providing academic, career, and financial counseling. Presently the program serves 12 schools in Durham, Johnston and Wake Counties.

People
- Five professional and support staff
- Numerous teachers, tutors, bus drivers, and facilitators

Facilities
The office is physically located at an off-campus site at 20 Enterprise Street. All staff members are housed at this location. Various auxiliary sites located on campus are used to facilitate program activities and events. Services are typically provided on weekends and Wednesdays at NC State during the academic year and weekdays during the summer.

Activities
- Provide opportunities for middle and high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Increase the number of those students to enroll in and complete their post-secondary education.
- College Tours
- College Admissions Assistance
- Test Prep (SAT/ACT)
- Career Enrichment
- Academic Counseling
- Computer Technology Workshops
- Goal Setting
- Positive Self-Imaging
- Summer Academic Enrichment

Participation
- **814 students** in 8 middle and high schools in three counties:
  - Durham County Public Schools (Chewning and Neal Middle Schools, Hillside, Northern, and Southern High Schools)
  - Wake County Public Schools (Zebulon and Wendell Middle Schools, East Wake and Knightdale High Schools)
  - Johnston Country Public Schools (Selma and Smithfield Middle Schools, North Johnston and Smithfield Selma High Schools)

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