Mission
The mission of the North Carolina State University Upward Bound Program is to provide equal access to quality education for participants who have academic potential to succeed in college and to encourage and motivate participants to enroll and graduate from college.

History
The Upward Bound Program, one of the oldest and largest in NC, began in 1978 as a pre-college educational enrichment program funded by the U.S. Department of Education to serve 60 students at Louisburg High School. Upward Bound is one of three TRIO programs at NC State and serves high school students from low-income families and from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree. In September 2012, a new Upward Bound program was funded to serve 60 students at East Wake High School. During the past 30+ years, the program has assisted thousands of high school students prepare for higher education.

People
- Four 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 provided on the NC State campus during the academic year and summer.

Activities
- Provide necessary skills to high school students so they may become successful college students.
- Provide fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance.
- Provide opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits.
- Academic Skill Development
- Tutoring
- Test Prep Training (SAT/ACT)
- Computer Aided Instruction
- Fee Waivers
- Motivational Workshops
- Cultural and Career Development
- College Admissions Assistance
- Monetary Stipends and Subsistence
- Summer Residential Experience

Participation
- **186 students** in six high schools in three counties;
  - Franklin County Public Schools (Bunn, Franklinton and Louisburg High Schools)
  - Vance County Public Schools (Northern Vance and Southern Vance High Schools)
  - Wake County Public Schools (East Wake High School)
- On average, **65% of Upward Bound graduates** complete a bachelor’s degree within six years, which rivals most universities.

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