Mission / Purpose

Project STETS: Talent Search Program's (STETS) mission is to improve academic competencies, increase the high school graduation rates, to increase the postsecondary entry rates, and the postsecondary completion rates of 600 participants, each year. Students are recruited from sixth through twelfth grades and two-thirds must come from low-income and potential first generation college families. STETS is under the umbrella of TRIO programs that are funded through the U. S. Department of Education. OJETS serves participants who have completed five years of elementary school or are at least eleven years of age but not more than nineteen years of age, and who reside in St. Tammany Parish. STETS is designed to (a) identify qualified youths, with potential for education at the postsecondary level and encourage them to complete secondary school and undertake a program of postsecondary education; (b) publicize the availability of student financial assistance for those students who seek to pursue postsecondary education; and (c) encourage these students who have not completed education programs at the secondary or postsecondary level, but who have the ability to do so, to reenter these programs.

Other Outcomes/Objectives, with Any Associations and Related Measures, Targets, Findings, and Action Plans

O/O 1: Rate of non-senior participants
Increase secondary school persistence rate of non-senior participants served each project year

O/O 2: Increase secondary school graduation
Increase secondary school graduation (re-gular secondary school diploma) rate of seniors served during the project year

O/O 3: Increase secondary school graduation (who completed a rigorous secondary school program of study)
Increase secondary school graduation (re-gular secondary school diploma) rate of seniors served who completed a rigorous secondary school program of study during the project year

O/O 4: Increase the postsecondary enrollment rate
Increase the postsecondary enrollment rate of participants who have graduated with a regular secondary school diploma during the project year

O/O 5: Increase post-secondary attainment rate of participants served
Increase post-secondary attainment rate of participants served during the project who enrolled in an institution of higher education and completed a program of postsecondary education within six years