

SANTA CRUZ EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF PRE K-18 PARTNERSHIPS Site Profile

OFFICIAL NAME:	EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP CENTER (EPC)	
BASE OF OPERATIONS:	UC Santa Cruz, Educational Partnership Center	
YEAR FOUNDED:	1994	
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REASON FOR CREATING PARTNERSHIP:

The overall goal of the EPC is to increase UC eligibility, competitive eligibility and college-going rates among low-income and traditionally non-college going students.

NAMES OF PARTNERS:

Monterey Peninsula College	Monterey County Schools
Pjaro Valley Unified School District	Salinas Union High School District
San Benito County Schools	University of Santa Cruz
Cabrillo College	Gavilan College
San Benito High School District	Santa Cruz City School District
Santa Cruz County Schools	California State University, Monterey Bay
Hartnell College	

PRIMARY PURPOSE:

Members work together to seek new funding for school improvement projects, to provide matching resources for K-12/University partnerships and to help all area students go to college. The EPC focuses on: data-driven reform, curriculum alignment, educational efficacy, college-bound curriculum, and community mobilization. Data-Driven Reform Teams and the Curriculum Alignment Teams have been formed to achieve these goals using a vertical team model. The EPC coordinates many college preparatory programs including EAOP, MESA, AVID and Upward Bound.

SPECIFIC GOALS/INITIATIVES

Passport to Education (\$5 million AIAA grant) program created to build the expectation among staff, students and parents that all students in Monterey Bay Area can go to college. The Passport is implemented using the SAAGE program.

SAAGE program (Students Achieving A-G Expectations) identifies high school sophomores who lack one or more courses needed to complete the A-G sequence and coordinates efforts to provide them with academic counseling. The program serves 5 high schools reaching more than 9,100 students.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES TO DATE:

- **Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP)**- middle and high school student services to inform parents and students about educational opportunities.
- **EAOP Summer Youth Leadership Conference** – every summer EAOP brings 600 youth to UC Santa Cruz for a 5-day residential experience.
- **GEAR UP**- focuses on one school district to increase students' preparation for college with an emphasis on college preparatory math courses.
- **Kids Around the University**- model curriculum, featuring a student authored book used by elementary teachers as teacher training and tours of UCSC for local elementary and middle school students.
- **Magical School Bus Ride**- (funded by UC's Los Angeles Basin Initiative) is a free outreach program that each year takes 40 promising Compton students on a tour of four UC's for two weeks.
- **Upward Bound COSMOS** – two summer residential programs at UC Santa Cruz providing high school students with learning experiences in math and science. Upward Bound includes a year round mentoring program. COSMOS (California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science) selects high school students from around the state.

FUNDING SOURCES:

Permanent funds from the university for EPC outreach services total approximately \$3 million, one time university funds total approximately \$1 million. Other grants and funding include AIAA, CAPP, Gear-Up, Upward Bound, and National Science Foundation totaling approximately \$3 million dollars. Total annual funding available for 2001-2002 equals approximately \$7.6 million dollars.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:

The EPC is the umbrella organization for all outreach programs at University California, Santa Cruz. The EPC is housed under UCSC Student Services division and receives all administrative and financial support services from the office of the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. The center reports to the Chancellor's Educational Partnership Advisory Council (CEPAC). Carrol Moran is the Executive Director for the center and its many programs and services.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

The Educational Partnership Center provides outreach services in Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Merced, and Los Angeles Counties. In 2000, EPC provided services to over 15,000 students. Many of the participating schools have large populations of Latino students, many of whom speak English as a second language.