



Talent Search Program
2008-09 Enrollment Application



Talent Search is a federally funded TRIO program that has helped millions of young people across the United States achieve their educational and career goals.

Increase Your Opportunities through these FREE Talent Search services:



Be Your Best Self...

Talent Search students and their families enjoy benefits of participation including opportunities to network with other like-minded, BPS youth. There is no cost to join.



- One-on-one Advising
- Support in Choosing and Applying to College
- Financial Aid Application Assistance
- Interactive Workshops
- College Tours & Info Sessions
- Career Planning
- Cultural Events
- Scholarship Referrals
- Internship Referrals
- Mentoring
- Leadership Development
- Skill-building Activities
- Fee Waivers

Records Release and Confidentiality Statement

I authorize the release of school records from my son's/daughter's file that may be requested by the Talent Search Program. I understand that the Department of Education funds the Educational Talent Search Program and will use these records to provide academic advisement for my son/daughter. I also understand that these records will be handled in a confidential manner and that they will be made available only to program staff and representatives from the federal and state departments of education. The authorization is limited to an official school transcript, standardized test scores, student history, attendance records from 8th – 12th grade, student grades and progress reports, information concerning disciplinary actions, and information concerning future postsecondary enrollment.

I understand that this information will be placed in my child's Talent Search file as part of his/her income and background documentation. This information is protected under federal laws. I certify that all the information I have provided is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the purpose of this disclaimer, which is given to me by The Education Resources Institute, Inc. (TERI). I attest that I am legally eligible to sign this release as an adult who is at least eighteen years of age or as a parent/guardian signing on behalf of my minor child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Required if student is over 18)



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Directions: Please complete all sections of this form in order for your child to be eligible to receive services and participate in Talent Search program activities. The highlighted areas require your signature.

Talent Search is a TRIO program funded by the US Department of Education and managed by TERI. As a federally funded program, we are required to document the annual family income and the parent/guardian educational background for each of our participants. This information is protected under the federal law and appropriate steps will be taken to keep this information confidential.

Income Verification

There are _____ persons living in my household.

To the best of my knowledge, my total household income is as follows: (CHOOSE ONE)

Weekly: \$ _____ Bi-Weekly: \$ _____ Monthly: \$ _____ Yearly: \$ _____

Please check any of the following benefits or services which your family receives:

Free/Reduced Lunches Public Welfare (ADC) Low-Income Housing Foster Care

Describe any unusual financial or family circumstances: _____

I certify that all information noted is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Background

If living in the same household as the student:

Mother's name (or female guardian): _____

(First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name)

Did you graduate from a 4-year college/university within the United States? Yes No

If Yes, Name of college/university: _____

College/University City/State

If living in the same household as the student:

Father's name (or male guardian): _____

(First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name)

Did you graduate from a 4-year college/university within the United States? Yes No

If Yes, Name of college/university: _____

College/University City/State

Media Release

I (please select one) do do not grant TERI full permission to utilize pictures, quotations and/or videos of me or my son/daughter for publications, advertising and public relations. I hereby release TERI and any of its associated or affiliated companies, their directors, officers and employees from all claims of every kind on account of such use. I understand that I may revoke this agreement at any time by contacting TERI and requesting such action be taken.

Student's Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



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All About Me

Date: _____

Participant Identification

Name: _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Social Security#: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Contact Information

Home Address: _____
(Number & Street) (Apt #)

_____ (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone#: _____ Alternate Phone#: _____

Email address: _____ Social Network screen name(s): _____
(please specify MySpace, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.)

School name: _____

Demographic Information

Race/Ethnicity: *(check all that apply)*

American Indian/Native Alaska Hispanic or Latino Native Hawaiian or Pacific Island

Asian White Black or African American

Other: *(please specify)* _____

Gender: Male Female

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If you are not a U.S. citizen, please provide your Alien Registration #: _____

Which language(s), other than English, is(are) spoken at home? _____

Statement of Need

Please indicate the areas in which you most need assistance from the Talent Search program:

College Prep Curriculum Career Field Trips Financial Aid College Admissions GED Assistance

Career Counseling/Testing College Campus Visits Study Skills ACT/SAT Test Prep Personal Advising

Tutoring in _____ Other: _____

Program Participation

Please indicate other college access services you're involved with:

Upward Bound GEAR UP PIC ACCESS Talented & Gifted (TAG) Project GRAD

Internship: _____ Other: _____



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My Achievement Plan (MAP)

Date: _____

Participant Identification

Name: _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

School Name: _____ Grade: _____ Projected Graduation Year: _____

Goal-Setting

In order to maximize my opportunities, I understand that I should aim to take:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Math
- 3 years of Science
- 2 years of Foreign Language

My educational goal this year is:

In order to achieve this goal, I need to:

Career Interest

My long-term career goal is:

In order to start working toward this goal, I need to become involved in the following extra-curricular activities:

I also need to concentrate on doing my best in the following subjects:

In order to achieve my career goal, I plan to earn:

- Certificate from a career/technical program or from a Community College
- Associates (2-year) degree
- Bachelors (4-year) degree
- Masters degree / Professional degree from Graduate School
- PhD / MD

MY TALENT SEARCH PLEDGE

I will seek advice from my guidance counselor and/or teachers about my plans.

I will seek advice from my parent/guardian about my plans.

I will study at least _____ hours each day in order to reach my educational and career goals.

Other: _____

Student Signature

Date

TALENT SEARCH ADVISOR PLEDGE

I will help you work towards your goals by providing the following Talent Search services this year:

- access to resources
- mentoring
- advising
- career planning
- workshops
- college visits & trips
- leadership development activities
- support for choosing and applying to college
- financial aid application assistance

Other: _____

Talent Search Advisor Signature

Date