EDUCATIONAL TALEN SEARCH
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Educational Talent Search Program was successful identifying more than 67% (78%) as LIFG, and was successful recruiting and serving 947 participants, 3 less than it is funded to serve. Of the 947 participants served during the 2009-2010 academic year, 783 were identified as non-senior (6-11th graders) participants. Of those, 763 (97%) were promoted to the next grade level in middle and high school. Of the 947 participants served by ETS during this time, 164 were high school seniors and of those 160 (98%) of the senior participants successfully graduated from high school. All,164 (100%) of the graduating senior participants applied for admission to a program of postsecondary education through the completion of the Texas Common Application, Private, and Proprietary institution application forms. Additionally, 160 (98%) of the graduating seniors applied for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and various scholarship applications. Lastly, 140 (85%) of the 164 seniors participants enrolled in an institution of postsecondary education in fall semester of 2010.

Educational Talent Search administered a project evaluation survey to students, parents, and school administrators to determine the level of satisfaction with ETS staff and services. Satisfaction was determined on the basis of “how satisfied” the students, parents, and school administrators were (checking: very satisfied, satisfied, undecided, dissatisfied, very dissatisfied) and (checking: “how likely”) the students were to recommend Educational Talent Search to other students. The results from the surveys reveal that of 189 surveys 98% of the program participants and parents to be satisfied with the ETS program.

Essentially, the ETS program learned that though the program is well received there are still areas that can be improved upon, such as more frequent contact with parents and early dissemination of information about the program ETS trips and other activities. Educational Talent Search will strive to increase the number of satisfaction surveys collected in the spring of each academic year by increasing the number of days to distribute satisfaction surveys from 10 days to 30, distribute satisfactions surveys through mail out from ETS office, email (personal, Facebook and school district email system), hand out by each Advisor and ETS website, and distribute satisfaction surveys through special assembly such as parent meetings and end of the year ceremonies.