Schools Served

California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP)

The SAN JOSÉ Cal-SOAP Consortium is an organization of educational institutions and non-profit agencies aimed at increasing student academic success, affordability and accessibility to higher education by coordinating and implementing comprehensive academic preparation and motivation support programs for low-income and traditionally non-college-going students and their families in Santa Clara County.

The California Legislature created the program in 1978. It is administered by the California Student Aid Commission in support of making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians. Cal-SOAP is instrumental in improving the flow of information about postsecondary education, careers and financial aid, while raising the achievement levels of low-income elementary and secondary students or students in geographic regions with documented low-eligibility or college participation rates, and who are first in their families to attend college.

Program Goals

- Increase the availability of information to students about the existence of post-secondary education and the available sources of financial aid
- Improve student’s access to higher education by raising their achievement levels
- Reduce the duplication of services by coordinating outreach efforts

Consortium Members

- Alum Rock Union School District
- AVID, Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Cogswell Polytechnical College
- DeAnza College
- East Side Union High School District
- Evergreen Valley College
- Foothill College
- GEAR UP, East Side
- MESA, San Jose State University
- Mission College
- National Hispanic University
- San Jose City College
- San Jose State University
- San Jose Unified School District
- UCSC, Educational Partnership Center
- West Valley College

Schools Served

- Alum Rock Elementary School District
  - Fischer Middle School
  - Sheppard Middle School

- East Side Union High School District
  - Andrew Hill High School
  - James Lick High School
  - William C. Overfelt High School
  - Yerba Buena High School

- San Jose Unified School District
  - Willow Glen Middle School
  - Gunderson High School
  - San Jose High Academy
  - Willow Glen High School

Services to Students

- Academic Tutoring: In-Class and After-School
- Academic, College and Career Advising
- Mentoring
- Financial Aid Awareness & Scholarships
- College & University Tours

Services to Families

- Parent Involvement
- Cash for College Workshops
- College: Making It Happen

Services to Schools

- College-Going Initiative
- Bridge to Transfer Initiative
- Summer Advancement Academies
- Silicon Valley College Success Scholarship