

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