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WHAT IS ETS?

Educational Talent Search is a federally funded program for eligible 6th-12th grade students at no cost. Educational Talent Search provides academic support, career advisement, and financial aid counseling to eligible middle and high school students.

ETS RECRUITMENT

Educational Talent Search is actively seeking students in grades 6 through 10 from our designated schools.

Middle Schools:

- Piedmont,
- McClintock,
- Sedgefield,
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

High Schools:

- East Mecklenburg,
- North Mecklenburg,
- Garinger
- Independence

MESSAGE FROM ETS

May is here, and the finish line is in sight! As we wrap up the school year, let's stay focused, finish strong, and be proud of how far we've come. To our students: keep pushing—your hard work now matters more than ever. To our families: thank you for your continued support and encouragement throughout the year. Finish the year with confidence, effort, and pride—your future is worth it! ✨

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 16th- Service Project
- May 22nd- End of the Year Celebration/ TRiO Marketplace
- May 28th- Senior Celebration

MIDDLE SCHOOL



QUICK TIPS

Guard Your Goals

- Avoid drama that wastes your time
- Choose friends who uplift you
- Don't let distractions steal your focus
- Rest when needed, don't quit
- Remember what you're working toward

REAL TALK

Protecting your peace is part of protecting your future. Not every distraction deserves your attention.

CHALLENGE

This week, pay attention to who and what affects your mood, focus, and motivation.

Write down:

- One person who encourages you
 - One distraction that hurts your focus
 - One habit you need to change to stay on track
- Challenge:
- Make one better choice this week to protect your peace and your goals.



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REFLECTION CORNER

Take a real look at your life:

- Do my friends push me to do better or distract me?
- Am I spending more time on drama than on my goals
- What is one distraction I need to limit?
- When I'm stressed, do I rest—or do I give up?

Real-Life Application:

Think of one recent situation where you let drama, distractions, or negativity affect your school performance. What could you do differently next time?

HIGH SCHOOL



REAL TALK

“Every decision you make is either an investment or an expense—choose wisely.”

CHALLENGE

This week, track your choices like money:

Did I invest time in studying, working, or planning? Or did I spend time on things that don't benefit me?

Challenge:

Make at least 3 “investment choices” this week, such as:

- ✓ Updating a resume or brag sheet
- ✓ Researching a career or trade
- ✓ Practicing a skill (writing, speaking, tech, etc.)

REFLECTION CORNER

Be honest with yourself:

- What am I consistently investing my time in right now?
- Do my daily habits look like someone preparing for college or a career?
- Where am I losing time that I can't get back?
- Am I building skills—or just passing time?

Real-Life Application:

- Think about how you spent your time yesterday after school. Break it down hour by hour. Which parts were investments in your future—and which parts were distractions? What will you change this week?

QUICK TIPS

Start a “Brag Sheet”

- Write down achievements, activities, and skills—you'll need this for jobs, scholarships, and applications.

Practice Professional Communication

- Start emailing teachers, asking questions, and speaking confidently—this matters in college and the workplace.

Use “Power Hours”

- Set a 1-hour block each day for focused schoolwork or skill-building—no phone.

Explore Real Options

- College, trade, military, or workforce—start researching what fits YOU.

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