



Montana Educational Talent Search Curriculum Guide		
Grade	Minimum Required Contacts	Theme/Activity
6th Grade	Three (3) in Spring	
Recruitment Track	Groups Meetings	
		Program Introduction (101)
		Transition to Middle School Workshop
		Goal setting/Needs Assessment
Traditional	Group Meetings	
		Program Intro/Goal Setting/Needs Assessment
		Financial Literacy 101
		Study Skills
7th Grade	Four (4)	
		Leadership-Communication Development
		Career Interest—Clusters and Questions
		College Awareness—Types of Schools and Types of Degrees
		Soft Skills-Goal Setting/Time management
8th Grade	Four to Five (4-5)	
		Leadership—Community Service and Student Leadership opportunities in high school
		Career Interest—Pathways/Career Snapshots/Guest Speakers



		College Awareness—Reality Check
		Soft Skills—High School Transition
		Financial Literacy—Types of Financial Aid
9th Grade	Four to Five (4-5)	
		Leadership: Civics 101
		Career Interest: Evaluating career salaries and education
		College Awareness: GPAs and Scholarships/Course Selection
		Soft Skills: Note Taking/Test Prep/Online Tutoring resources
		Financial Literacy: What does a degree cost?
10th Grade	Four to Five (4-5)	
		Leadership: Summer Program Opportunities
		Career Interest: Pathways selections
		College Awareness: Student Support Services/Programs available on campuses/College Selection
		Soft Skills: Public Speaking
		Financial Literacy: 4Caster, Scholarships
11th Grade	Six to Eight (6-8)	
		Leadership: METS Track/Guest Speakers/Community Roles
		Career Interest: Resume/Job Applications/Transcript Evaluation
		College Awareness: Transcript Evaluation/Dual Enrollment Discussion/Timelines for applications/Reality Check/College Fit



		Soft Skills: Budget Balancing/ACT Prep
		Financial Literacy: Scholarships/Guest Speakers—campus financial aid personnel/Paying for College
12th Grade	Eight to Twelve (8-12)	
		Leadership: College organizations/Community Service
		Career Interest: What do I want to be when I grow Up?
		College Awareness: College Applications, Scholarship, Senior Packets, TRiO services, Course Selection
		Soft Skills: Communication/Resumes/Job Interviewing/Employer Expectations/Professionalism Etiquette
		Financial Literacy: FAFSA completion/Scholarships