Youth and Early College Programs share common goals:

• To increase educational opportunities for youth;
• To assist students in gaining access to higher education;
• To motivate students to participate in college courses while in high school; and
• To provide opportunities to foster student success through interventions such as assessment, coaching and mentoring.

The College Success Program

The College Success Program is a partnership between Cuyahoga Community College and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) to prepare students to successfully transition into college-level courses. Many high school graduates place into remedial math and English courses costing them additional time and money and making it less likely that they will finish college. The College Success Program seeks to remedy these math and English deficiencies in CMSD graduates by increasing the number of students who successfully progress through high school, graduate, enroll in post-secondary education at the college-level and succeed in their college coursework.

The College Success Program has three components:

• College Success Outreach Centers at six selected CMSD high schools;
• the College Success Summer Academy at Tri-C’s Metropolitan Campus; and
• a unique First Year Experience for students transitioning to Cuyahoga Community College upon high school graduation.

The program is funded by Cuyahoga Community College. Visit http://www.tri-c.edu/college-success-program/index.html or call 216-987-4949 for more information.

Educational Talent Search (ETS)

Educational Talent Search is a federally funded pre-college program created in 1965 as part of the Higher Education Act. It is designed to motivate and develop the skills necessary for students to be successful in secondary school, graduate and enroll in an institution of post-secondary education. Among the pioneer TRiO programs in the country, Cuyahoga Community College’s Educational Talent Search program has been in existence since 1968.

Students in grades six through 12 are eligible to participate. Cleveland Metropolitan School District students who are low-income and potential first-generation college students are targeted for participation.

Educational Talent Search advisors and instructional assistants provide the following services:

• ACT, SAT, PSAT Test Preparation
• Ohio State Test Preparation
• Study Skills Workshops
• Personal Development
• Summer Enrichment Program
• Tutoring
• Mentoring
• College Admissions Assistance
• Financial Aid Counseling and Application Assistance
• Scholarship Information

Students also participate in college tours as well as cultural activities. Educational Talent Search serves over 1,250 students annually. Visit http://www.tri-c.edu/trio-programs/educational-talent-search.html or call 216-987-6310 for more information.

High Tech Academy (HTA)

High Tech Academy is an innovative dual enrollment program in which Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) students in grades 10 through 12 attend a half-day of classes at their high schools and a half-day of college classes at Tri-C’s Metropolitan Campus. HTA offers a rigorous curriculum that helps develop students’ academic, technical, and leadership skills.

Students can choose classes from various HTA pathways:

• college preparatory (liberal arts)
• engineering technology
• information technology
• business management
• health careers, and
• creative arts.

Ultimately, the college-level classes count toward graduation requirements in high school. This educational collaboration coordinates programming for more than 275 CMSD high school students annually. Set apart from traditional College Credit Plus, the High Tech Academy offers many enrichment components to foster achievement, career exploration, and features a required community service component. CMSD and Tri-C administrators oversee daily program operations on campus.

Founded in 2000, HTA received major support from National City and NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. Now, with generous and continuous support from PNC, High Tech Academy students are afforded unique opportunities and experiences with tuition costs paid on their behalf.

Upon high school graduation, HTA seniors have an opportunity to apply for the HTA Completion Scholarship, established for students who wish to continue on to earn an associate degree from Tri-C. Other students transfer to four-year colleges and universities or enter the workforce. More than 1,200 students have earned college credits through HTA, with more than 66 having earned an associate degree at the same time as their high school diploma. Visit http://www.tri-c.edu/get-started/
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Upward Bound (UB)

The Upward Bound TRiO Program (UB) is a year-round pre-college program for Cleveland Metropolitan School District high school students. It is designed to assist students in graduating from high school, entering, and graduating from college. Upward Bound works in cooperation with the schools, Tri-C, and the community to provide educational opportunities and support to achieve these goals.

Upward Bound provides:

• college
• career and financial aid counseling
• tutoring
• field trips
• test preparation for the OST, ACT, and SAT tests

Students also attend a six-week summer session, and graduating seniors participate in an eight-week bridge component. Upward Bound is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Call 216-987-4958 or visit www.tri-c.edu/trio-programs/upward-bound for more information.

Upward Bound Math/Science (UBMS)

Upward Bound Math/Science is a pre-college TRiO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. UBMS provides an academically enriching and rigorous year-round math and science curriculum to prepare participants for academic success in high school and post-secondary education. The Program targets high school students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District who are interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers.

Program participants are recruited from the following target high schools:

• East Technical High School
• New Tech East High School
• Garrett Morgan High School
• Jane Addams Business Careers Center
• Lincoln-West High School

Academic support services such as tutoring and ACT/SAT prep are provided to participants throughout the academic year. In addition, year-round academic planning and advising, hands-on project-based learning, exposure to STEM professionals, monthly educational workshops, technology training, financial literacy, assistance with scholarship searches, and participation in a six-week summer STEM academy are provided. Upon completion of specific criteria, participants receive a monthly stipend. Call 216-987-4927 or visit http://www.tri-c.edu/trio-programs/upward-bound-math-and-science/index.html for more information.