

CROP Overview

The College Reach-Out Program (CROP) was established by the Florida Legislature in 1983 to strengthen the motivation and preparation of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students in grades 6 – 12, to pursue and successfully complete postsecondary education. CROP programs are grouped by consortia of institutions, working collaboratively to encourage and supplement activities geared toward higher educational achievement and success. Programs, services and activities offered across the State include after-school mentoring, summer college residency and cultural and educational enrichment trips.

Highlights

- ❖ Since 1990, CROP has served 43,844 students.
- ❖ In 2004-05, CROP programs spanned 38 postsecondary institutions serving 448 schools across 53 counties. (209 H.S, 224 M/S and 14 combination JHS/HS)
- ❖ Participants' racial and ethnic characteristics typically consist of 72% African-American, 13% white, 11% Hispanic, 1% Asian, less than 1% American Indian and other ethnicities 3%. Efforts to increase the number of Hispanic students are underway.
- ❖ CROP female participants outnumber males. Sixty-one percent (61%) of all CROP participants are female and thirty-nine (39%) are male. Efforts to assist CROP Directors and staff increase the male participants are on-going.
- ❖ Three percent (3%) of all CROP participants are students with disabilities.
- ❖ Annual reports are developed to evaluate program outcomes.

CROP students' performance for 1998 - 2003

- ❖ Eighty-two percent (82%) of CROP students are academically promoted to the next grade.
- ❖ The Grade Point Average (GPA) for CROP students is 2.34.
- ❖ The absenteeism rate for CROP students is 9.9 days per year.

The annual evaluation of the College Reach-Out Program 2001-02 cohorts with 2002-03 postsecondary outcomes clearly show that the program is working.

Although there is work to be done, we continue to strive to increase the measurable outcomes of all CROP students. CROP has clearly proven to be an effective component in support of Florida's effort to provide equity and access to high quality educational offerings to ensure readiness for postsecondary pursuits.