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Service-Region	All California		
Type	Student Program		
Subjects	General Science Math Engineering		
Level	Elementary School (K-5th grade) Middle School (5-8th grade) High School (9-12th grade)		
Other-Objectives			
Served-per-Year	Demographics		
Content	<p>MESA enables educationally disadvantaged students to prepare for and graduate from a four-year college or university with a math-based degree in areas such as engineering, the sciences, computer science, and mathematics. There are three programs that MESA offers, the first is the MESA Schools Program. This program is for students in middle and high schools (and some elementary schools). It serves to assist students in excelling in math and science and to be competitively eligible for most rigorous colleges and universities. The second program is the MESA Community College Program, this program helps community college students excel academically and transfer to four-year institution. It also aims to excel students in the fields of math, engineering and science. Through this program students learn firsthand about career options and learn about scholarships, internships, and special programs. The MESA Engineering Program is the third program that is offered, targeting university students enrolled in colleges of engineering so they will successfully attain their baccalaureates. The program offers a wide array of academic support as well as exposure to different careers available to engineering and computer science graduates.</p>		
Outcomes	<p>MESA has particular interest in and focus on students from those groups who historically have had the lowest levels of attainment to four-year and graduate level programs. By closing this achievement gap, MESA students and graduates will be better able to make significant contributions to the socioeconomic well-being of their families and their communities.</p>		
Started	Funded-Through		
Length	Cost		
Primary-Funding	Government	Primary-\$	
Materials			
Other-Funding	The program is funded by the state legislature, corporate contributions and grants.		
How-Assessed			
Best-Practice-Why	<p>MESA has received national recognition for its success. MESA has been named as one of the most innovative public programs in the country by Innovations in American Government, a project of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Ford Foundation. MESA is a winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. MESA is the largest consortium of programs to receive National Science Foundation scholarships earmarked to support community college students who transfer to four-year institutions.</p>		
Promising-Practice			
Sponsor	Sponsor-Org		
Sponsor-Phone	Sponsor-Email		
Other-Orgs	California State University California Community Colleges Independent colleges and universities California Department of Education Community-based education centers School districts and individual schools		