

The North State Promise

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The Promise

We promise that every student residing in the Northern California counties of Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity and Modoc (the North State) will graduate career- and college-ready, prepared for success beyond high school. We promise the opportunity for every student to earn career technical certificates, directly attend or transfer to a baccalaureate-degree granting institution, and/or have the ability to achieve an advanced degree.

Background

The following educational partners serving students in far Northern California have formed an educational partnership to make post-secondary education an attainable goal for every student in the North State:

- ◆ California State University, Chico
- ◆ College of the Siskiyous
- ◆ College OPTIONS
- ◆ Modoc County Office of Education
- ◆ National University
- ◆ The Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District
- ◆ Shasta County Office of Education
- ◆ Simpson University
- ◆ Siskiyou County Office of Education
- ◆ Southern Oregon University
- ◆ Tehama County Department of Education
- ◆ Trinity County Office of Education
- ◆ University of California, Davis

In the 21st century, our North State economy is tied to the global economy, and to prepare our citizens for success, we must provide them with an exceptional education. The future of the North State depends on our effectiveness in developing a well-educated workforce to sustain and advance the economy of our large and diverse region.

The North State community is committed to preparing every student in the North State with an exceptional education. Every student deserves the opportunity to be ready to pursue a career and/or earn a certificate and/or a college degree. The North State Promise ensures that all students who meet the enrollment criteria of the seven partner colleges and universities will be provided this opportunity.

Our Goals

To meet this challenge, The North State Promise partners commit to these five goals:

- ◆ Provide an exceptional education from preschool to graduate school that prepares North State students for successful engagement in the global knowledge economy;
- ◆ Increase the percentage of North State students who are prepared for and attend The North State Promise partner institutions or other colleges or universities either directly from high school or as community college transfers;
- ◆ Increase the percentage of North State students who earn degrees and/or career and technical certificates at The North State Promise partner institutions or other accredited institutions;
- ◆ Increase the percentage of Shasta College and College of the Siskiyous students who graduate with an associate degree or technical certificate;
- ◆ Increase the percentage of North State students who graduate with a bachelor's degree and/or advanced degrees from The North State Promise partner institutions or other four-year colleges or universities.

Partner Promises

College OPTIONS promises to provide information, services and resources to North State students and their families and to support the schools in preparing students for post-secondary education by providing assistance in:

- ◆ Knowledge about college and career opportunities
- ◆ Visiting college campuses
- ◆ Knowledge about, taking and completing college and career preparatory courses
- ◆ Applying for college admission
- ◆ Knowledge about and applying for college financial aid opportunities

Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity County Offices of Education promise to prepare students for post-secondary education in a global, technological world and decrease remediation rates by:

- ◆ Providing common core and professional development opportunities for all K-12 and postsecondary educators in their county.
- ◆ Supporting a college and career readiness culture in county pre-schools, elementary, middle schools and high schools.
- ◆ Working collaboratively with all schools in each respective county to increase academic rigor and expectations to ensure students are prepared to graduate career- and college-ready.

Partner Promises continued...

The Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District and the College of the Siskiyou promise that all students from the North State will be provided the opportunity to earn an associate degree, technical certificate, or successfully transfer to a four-year institution by:

- ◆ Offering high priority enrollment for those students who successfully complete the Shasta College orientation program during the spring of each year.
- ◆ Working closely with local high schools to identify multiple measures to determine initial course placement.
- ◆ Providing active assistance for students to learn about and apply for college financial aid.
- ◆ Ensuring all students who have an intent to transfer to a four-year school are enrolled in a transfer program that provides ongoing assistance and monitoring.
- ◆ Offering vocational training, technical education and certification in numerous fields.
- ◆ Providing active assistance to students in completing requirements and applying for transfer to a four-year university.

California State University, Chico; National University and Simpson University promise:

- ◆ All North State high school students who successfully complete minimum college preparatory and entrance requirements will be offered admission and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree.
- ◆ All Shasta College and College of the Siskiyou students who successfully complete minimum community college transfer and entrance requirements will be offered admission and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree.
- ◆ To work closely with North State high schools to identify multiple measures to determine initial course placement.
- ◆ To provide active assistance to students to learn about and apply for college financial aid.
- ◆ To provide active assistance to students in transitioning from high school or community college and succeeding at each respective institution.
- ◆ To provide active assistance to students in preparing for careers and graduate school.

Partner Promises continued...

Southern Oregon University promises:

- ◆ Shasta and Siskiyou county high school students who successfully complete minimum college preparatory requirements and meet Southern Oregon minimum admission standards, will be offered admission as freshmen and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at in-state tuition rates.
- ◆ Tehama, Trinity and Modoc county high school students who successfully complete minimum college preparatory requirements and meet Southern Oregon minimum admission standards will be offered admission as freshmen and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange) tuition rates. WUE tuition is 150% of the in-state tuition rate.
- ◆ All Shasta College and College of the Siskiyous students who successfully complete minimum community college transfer requirements will be offered admission and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at in-state tuition rates.
- ◆ To provide active assistance to students in transitioning from high school or community college and succeeding at Southern Oregon University.
- ◆ To provide active assistance to students in preparing for careers and graduate school.
- ◆ These agreements will be reviewed on an annual basis.

University of California, Davis promises:

- ◆ To provide greater access and opportunity to the students who reside and attend high schools in the North State region with a particular focus on students from Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity and Modoc counties. Regional underrepresentation is a factor that UC Davis uses in its admissions holistic review process, and living in the North State region is an added value in this review process.
- ◆ To provide guaranteed admission to transfer students from the North State who meet minimum eligibility requirements and complete a Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG) agreement with UC Davis.
- ◆ To provide guaranteed financial aid for families earning \$80,000 a year or less through the UC Blue and Gold Financial Assistance program. FAFSA application completion required.