

College of the Desert Giving Students The EDGE

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- Two-year public college
 - Serving the Coachella Valley
 - Five Campus Locations
- Enrollment over 14,000
- Student Body Over 65% Hispanic
 - Recognized HSI



Overview



The EDGE program is a 3 week intensive review of basic skills in math, English/reading, or both, along with student development workshops.

Provides incoming and continuing College of the Desert students the opportunity to review eligible subjects and retake the assessment test, in hopes of reducing the number of remedial courses needed.

Why do students need EDGE?



Lack of College Preparation

Nationwide: 60%

*Community College Research Center

California:

85% Math

70% English

*Legislative Analyst Office Higher Education

College of the Desert:

93% Math

81% English

*Fall 2015 FTCS, Office of Institutional Research

History & Growth

- Pilot project funded by Title V HSI.
- Began in 2012, with 22 students
- Instructional Faculty, Staff & SI Leaders

2012: Students reviewed both subjects and were recruited based on their math AND English accuplacer results.

First Time College Students (22)

Math 60 & English 51

2013: Students had the option of reviewing either subject or both, and were recruited based on their math and/or English accuplacer results.

First Time College Students (69)

Math 60 & English 51

2014: Students had the option of reviewing either subject or both, and were recruited based on their math and/or English accuplacer results.

New & Continuing (265)

Math 40, 54, 60 &

English 70 & 71

2015: New & Continuing (459)

Math 40, 54, 60 &

English 70 & 71

Expanded to 3 locations



690 Students, New & Continuing

Expanded to 5 locations:
Palm Desert, Palm Springs,
Indio, Desert Hot Springs,
Mecca-Thermal.

Added Night Sessions

798 Total Remedial Levels Removed

608 Levels of Math Removed

190 Levels of English/Reading Removed

10.2% Students Eliminated All Remedial Math

8.9% Students Eliminated All Remedial English

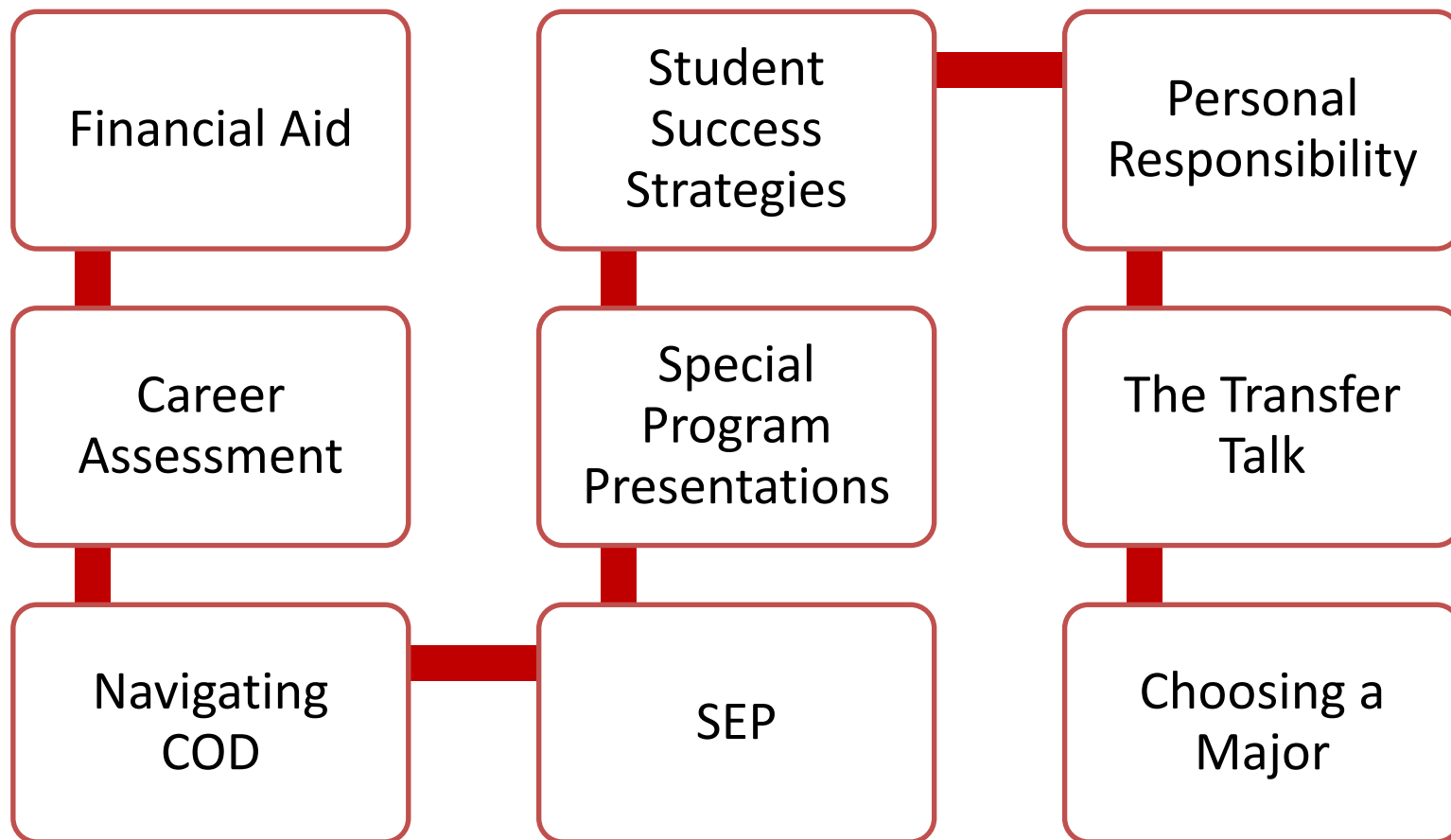
1.8% Students Eliminated All Remedial Courses

Program Rules

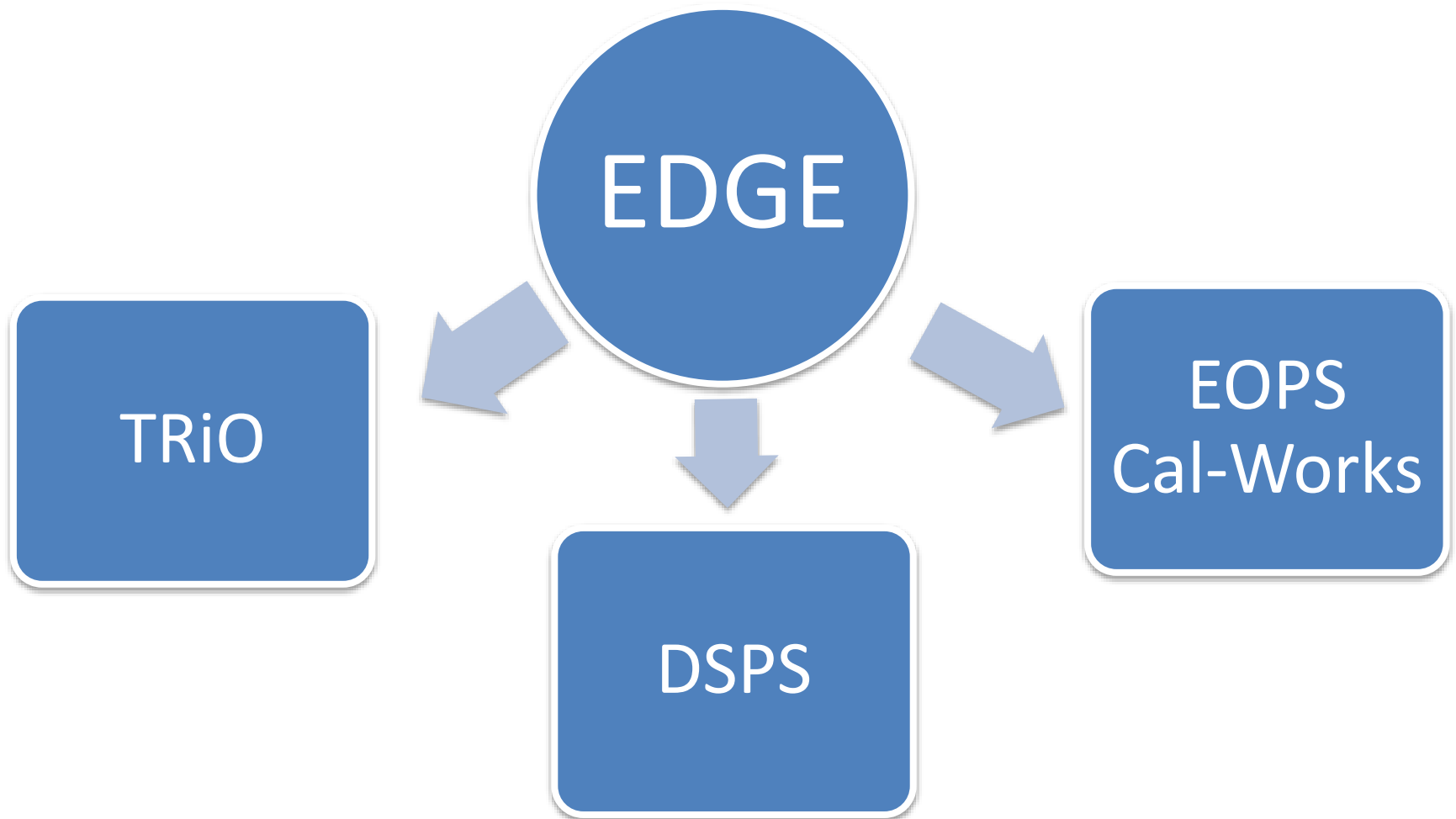


- Mandatory Orientation
- Must attend ALL days of the Three Week Program
- Must attend Student Development

Student Development



Coordinated Referrals into Special Programs



Staff

Support Staff:

- 1 Assistant Director
- 5 Outreach Specialists
- 1 Secretary

Faculty:

- 1 Full Time Counselor
- 4 Adjunct Counselors
- 4 Math Faculty
- 7 English Faculty

Tutors:

- 15 SI Leaders



The Benefits



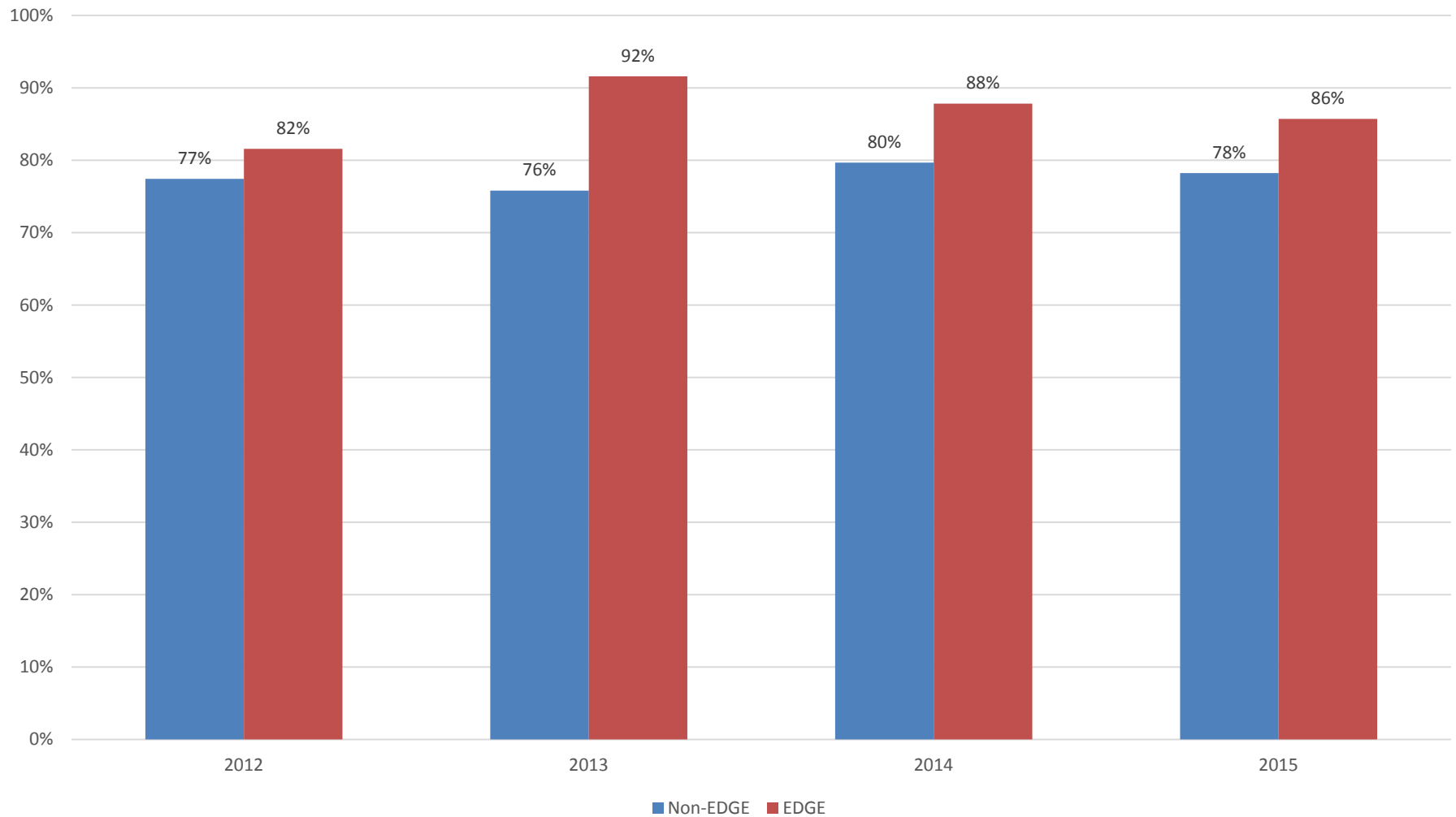
- Absolutely NO COST!!
- Priority Registration and \$100 bookstore voucher.
- FREE access to textbooks during the program.
- Supplemental Instructional Leaders (SI).
- Dedicated faculty & Staff.
- Financial aid staff to help access funds for college!
- Gain Connections and Make Friends!

Follow-Up Services

- Continued support throughout the year.
- Three follow up phone calls a semester.
- College informational E-mails.
- Dedicated EDGE counselor.
- Workshops:
 - Enrollment Services
 - Financial Aid/Scholarships
 - College & Transfer Information



Enrollment Pattern – Persistence, Fall to Spring



Questions?



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