



# **Beatty High School**

## **GEAR UP Abstract 2017-2018**

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The Beatty GEAR UP cohort consists of 54 students with most of those students living in Amargosa Valley and traveling 53 miles each way to school. The free and reduced rate for Beatty High is 76% and the student population in 2014-2015 was 59.6% Hispanic and 31.7% white.

The first goal in the school performance plan for BHS is to improve student achievement in reading through the creation of instructional units containing a focus on vocabulary acquisition. The second is to strengthen the school's instructional program & increase student engagement. Both goals support improved student learning outcomes through a culture of discourse and cooperative learning. The GEAR UP program supports this culture through tutoring for students that are identified as needing additional time to learn. Tutoring is provided by the SPIF, students and teachers at the school which includes opportunity during the school day and after school hours.

GEAR UP students and parents are also provided with occasions to learn from college ambassadors, attend the College and Career Fair and travel to college campuses for interactive engagement. Students in Beatty job shadow at local businesses and will be provided with a presentation from PBS Medical. This opportunity will allow students to gain additional knowledge about medical fields. Seniors will present to local scholarship donors for a chance to earn scholarship money for college and Wells Fargo will talk to students and parents about having a budget in college and how to spend money wisely.

The college ambassadors will visit parents and students at Beatty High School and develop plans for college visits. Students and parents will work with the ambassadors to increase their understanding of college admissions, FAFSA and other college opportunities. Virtual college tours of Nevada campuses will be used this year for the first time.

Through GEAR UP, students in this remote community have the chance to learn about colleges and careers through hands-on activities. This is important to the future of our students, community and state.