



Elko County School District GEAR UP Abstract 2017-2018

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The Elko County School District (ECSD) currently has three GEAR UP schools; Owyhee Combined School, Wells Combined School, and Jackpot Combined School. Each of these schools are K-12 campuses located in remote rural communities that are geographically isolated from an urban center and more than an hour's drive from any college campus. All three of these schools are historically low-achieving, high-poverty schools with high populations of at-risk youth including English Language Learners or Native American students. Using the GEAR UP grant funding and partnership framework, ECSD's three GEAR UP schools strive to meet the four Nevada State GEAR UP goals of academic preparation for postsecondary education, increasing graduation rates and participation in postsecondary education, increasing family awareness of postsecondary education and financing options, and creating a college-going culture within the schools. These goals align with the ECSD district performance plan goal to improve student achievement as well as the Owyhee, Jackpot, and Wells school performance plan goals for improving student achievement. Opportunities afforded to these students through GEAR UP programming include tutoring, application assistance, college outreach, and college preparation activities that they may not otherwise ever be exposed to.