



Southeast Career & Technical Academy

GEAR UP Abstract 2017-2018

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In 2016-17, Southeast Career & Technical Academy (SECTA) serves approximately 1726 students: 44.3% Male, 55.7% female. The diverse population includes 0.8% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 4.98% Black/African American, 8.34/.93% Asian/Pacific Islander, 56.03% Hispanic, and 25.1% White. Additionally, 10.2% of the population is identified as IEP, 2.8% as LEP, and 54% as Free or Reduced Lunch program participants. SECTA is the oldest of the technical and career academies, opening in 1965 as Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Institute. Its dual approach of college preparatory classes in conjunction with career preparation results in one of the highest graduation rates in CCSD and over 80% of graduates attend college, including Ivy League campuses. The occupational certificates, professional licensures, and college credits earned in the 2x2 program are evidence of students who are well prepared to enter the workforce. Twelve career technical majors are offered on campus: Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Automotive Technology, Collision Repair Technology, IT-Networking, Nursing Assistant, Construction, Architectural Design, 3D Computer Animation and Digital Game Development, Graphic Design, Photography, and Sports Medicine. Teachers in these programs also act as mentors to assure success in both academic subjects and career major.

The GEAR UP cohort will be mentored by a designated counselor. Students will review Individual Academic Plans to align past achievements and current enrollment with post-secondary goals. Those students who meet the admissions benchmarks for UNLV will visit the campus. Field trips to NSC and CSN will be arranged for students interested in their programs. The SECTA College and Career Fair provides opportunity to discuss employment opportunities with local employers, and meet college representatives and military recruiters. Eleventh and Twelfth grade students will receive the following services: counseling and advising that includes creating an Individual Academic Plan (IAP) to assure students have an opportunity to understand high school opportunities, exploration of career interests, tutoring, and mentoring provided by high school or college students, parent night events that focus on academic achievement, postsecondary opportunities, financial aid, and college campus visits to gain familiarity with college offerings and opportunities. The school counselor and the SPIF will review the



Individual Academic Plan with an emphasis on its relationship to graduation and post-secondary opportunities. Parent events will focus on college admissions and financial assistance to assure all families are aware of the procedures related to college matriculation and completing the FAFSA. Helen Money, Assistant Principal, will provide program oversight.