



Washoe County School District GEAR UP Abstract 2017-2018

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Washoe County School District's (WCSD) GEAR UP Program encompasses three high schools: Hug, Wooster, and the Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology. GEAR UP has served about 1,054 students the last two years (2014-16); however, the student population has slightly declined and to a total of 915 students Table 1 shows demographics and subpopulations from SY 2016-17.

Four SPIFs will serve the three WCSD GEAR UP high schools. GEAR UP students access structured interventions after school and during three different intersessions (i.e., Fall, Winter, and Spring Breaks) to provide tutoring, assistance with homework, and opportunities for students to recover lost credits. These services are provided by Highly Qualified certified teachers in the core content areas (i.e., math, English Language Arts, science, social studies). In addition, tutoring and mentoring are provided for students through cooperation with University of Nevada Reno (UNR) college students. GEAR UP programming will provide assistance that promotes student achievement and college readiness; ensures student access to rigorous college preparatory courses; provides a continuous system of mentoring and advising for students and parents; provides financial education, financial literacy, and financial aid and scholarship advising to students and parents; exposure and orientation to college campuses, trade and technical institutions, various professions and businesses (including STEM opportunities), job shadowing, and internships; and provides academic and college and career opportunities such as dual credit classes and college experience programs.