



## WHAT IS GEAR UP?

The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Grant is a federally funded, seven-year grant that serves underrepresented students throughout Nevada

### NEVADA GEAR UP'S MISSION

Nevada GEAR UP's mission is to help all GEAR UP students transition smoothly to college by collaborating with higher education in providing students with the necessary supports and information to ensure students are knowledgeable and prepared.

Yerington High School showing their love for GEAR UP 10/2018



### GEAR UP SERVICES

The Nevada State GEAR UP Grant will subgrant to districts to hire on-site GEAR UP staff including a licensed GEAR UP Specialists in the high schools, and offer stipends/prep buy-outs for teachers who will provide GEAR UP services to students in participating middle and high schools.

#### For Students

- Comprehensive Mentoring; Academic and Career Counseling; Financial Aid Advising; College and Job Site Visits/Job Shadowing; Summer Programs; Educational Field Trips; College Readiness Workshops; Tutoring; Rigorous Academic Opportunities; and Family Events

#### For Parents

- College Preparation/Financial Aid Workshops; Advising; College Visits; and Family Events

#### Implementation Plan

- An annual Implementation Plan is created collaboratively with school administration, counselors, and GEAR UP staff.
- This customizable plan includes a template of required student services and includes a feature that allows for the addition of school-specific services and activities to serve the college & career readiness needs of GEAR UP students.
- The plan is intended to compliment - not duplicate services currently provided at each school.

#### Student Success Agency (SSA)

- Nevada GEAR UP has contracted with the Student Success Agency (SSA) to provide students with digital access to traditional services such as mentoring, tutoring, and college advising to students anywhere, anytime

Students can sign up for GEAR UP services by contacting the Nevada GEAR UP Specialist at their school & making sure their parents sign the GEAR UP Consent Form

*"Being a part of GEAR UP has helped me so much as a student striving to go to college. When I graduate high school, I will be the first one in my family to go to college and GEAR UP is helping me achieve my dreams."*

*-GU Student from East Career and Technical Academy*

# 2019-2026 GRANT STRUCTURE DETAILS

In the first year of the grant, we provide services to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. By the second year of the grant, we will incorporate the priority model serving all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in GEAR UP schools.

- Year 2: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
- Year 3: 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and first-year freshmen at NSHE institutions
- Years 4 – 7: 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and first-year freshmen at NSHE institutions

- **GEAR UP Specialists** on-site provide college preparation, academic remediation/enrichment resources and workshops to students and schools.
- **GEAR UP College Coordinator** from NSHE provides students with college preparation info such as admission requirements, financial aid, counseling & advising, and general college knowledge and experiences.
- **Teachers** (Extra duty stipends) will be made available for middle and high school teachers to assist in the implementation of GEAR UP services for students and parents.

Youth Leadership Summit 07/2018

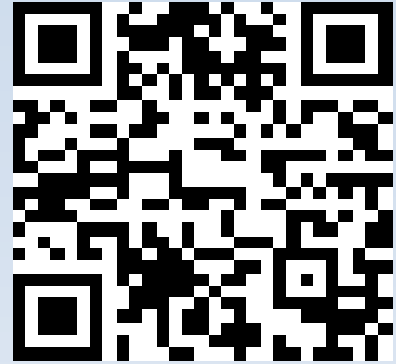


## GEAR UP Program Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

Nevada GEAR UP is committed to continuous program improvement in each school we serve. To that end, school-level data for GEAR UP programs, services, and student performance are collected and analyzed throughout the academic year. The NDE GEAR UP Administrative Team, led by the GEAR UP Internal Evaluator, meets regularly to evaluate program performance and make necessary program adjustments and improvements.

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Nevada GEAR UP Website

*"I have known my GEAR UP site person since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and without the help of her, I would not be where I am today as a Junior."*  
-GU Student from Las Vegas H.S.

**DREAM • BELIEVE • ACHIEVE**

*"GEAR UP Nevada gave my son opportunities to make connections with his peers and to discover new interests, chances to see community colleges and universities all over Nevada, explore his strengths, and the direction to learn and grow. He was inspired to continue his education after high school to pursue his degree for future life success."*  
-GU Parent

## Nevada GEAR UP Partners & Stakeholders

- Office of the Governor, Office of the State Treasurer, Nevada Department of Education, Nevada System of Higher Education, Nevada public school districts, Nevada Public Education Foundation, ACT, National Council of Community and Education Partners, Student Success Agency, Paradigm Shift, Parents, and students.