

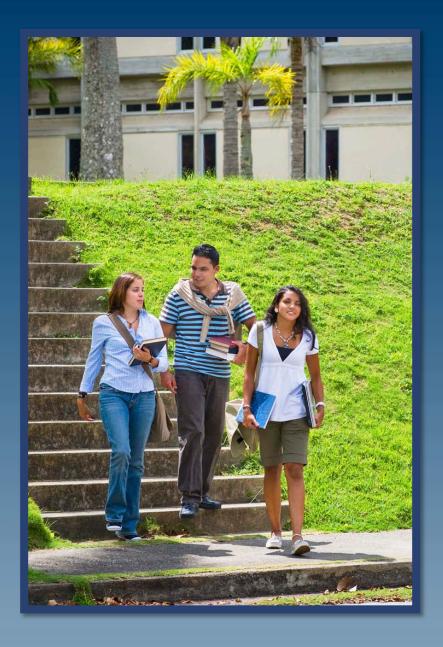
Utah State University GEAR UP

Partnering With Your Schools for Student Success

GEAR UP Successes

- Fosters partnerships and facilitates a more cohesive PreK-16 educational system;
- Increases the number of students who graduate from high school prepared to enter and succeed in college; and
- Increase students' and families' knowledge of educational institutions, admissions requirements and financial aid.





Purpose of GEAR UP?

- Increase number of low-income students prepared for post-secondary education.
- Assist high poverty middle and high schools.
- Provide early college preparation and awareness services.
- Support early intervention activities.



Partnership Grant

- One Higher Education Institution
 - At least one School District
 - Two Community Partners





Criteria for High Need

- Students not taking advanced courses
- High drop-out rates/low HS graduation rates
- Demonstrate strong need for services
- •Low academic achievement
- High poverty schools
- •Low college-going rates



Who is eligible?

- Buildings with a 7th grade (potentially grades 4-7)
- Must qualify as a Title 1 school (50% + free/reduced lunch)
- Cohorts are served through the first year of college



Student Benefits

- Students—prepare students to enter into and succeed in postsecondary education.
- In class, before, and after-school tutoring
- On-line homework and instructional assistance
- Enhanced curricula to raise standardized state assessment scores and increase student success
- Support taking the PSAT, SAT & ACT.
- Assisting in applying for college and financial aid

Family Benefits

- Families—prepare families for students' college success by offering academic and financial information.
- Outreach events and workshops at school sites
- Instruction for completing college admissions and financial aid documents
- Visits to college campuses



Teacher Benefits

- Prepare teachers to accelerate students' learning through train-the-trainer models of professional development.
- Professional development workshops tailored to school needs
- Continuing professional development and certification
- Help teachers identify and provide effective curricula



FAQs

- Is there a matching requirement for grants?
 - Yes; in-kind contributions.
- OR Does the partnership grant have required elements?
 - Yes, please see attached letter to superintendents.
- What is the size of awards for partnerships grants?
 - \$800.00 per student per year.
- What is the average project period for a grant?
 - 7 years

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GEAR UP – Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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