

GEAR UP Rural Valley Partnership

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GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a discretionary grant program that increases the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP utilizes a whole school–cohort approach that works with entire grade levels and becomes a systemic vehicle for change and innovation. GEAR UP partners with schools to support ongoing efforts toward college and career readiness and postsecondary enrollment.

The GEAR UP Approach

GEAR UP is not a cookie-cutter model but is rather a program designed to meet the unique needs of each school district partner. Our GEAR UP Team partners with school district leadership to devise an optimal plan of services based on data and input from site participants.

GEAR UP Goals and Priorities

- Increase students' academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education
- Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education
- Increase student and family knowledge of postsecondary options, preparation and financing

These goals are delivered with a focus on the GEAR UP priorities of STEM education, public speaking and creating internship opportunities.

GEAR UP Participants

GEAR UP Participants that qualify for services include students, families, school administration, faculty and staff. All GEAR UP services are provided free of charge. There are no applications or federal recruitment obligations.

Federal Eligibility

All schools in the GEAR UP Rural Valley Partnership qualify by:

- Having at least 50% free and reduced-price lunch rate
- School enrollment numbers
- Their willingness to partner in support of college and career readiness



I want to go to Harvard. I know it's hard, but it's my goal. — Determined GEAR UP 7th grader



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School District Partners

Hamilton Unified School District
 Orland Unified School District
 Pierce Joint Unified School District
 Red Bluff Union Elementary School District
 Red Bluff Joint Union High School District
 Williams Unified School District
 Willows Unified School District

Non-School District Partners

California Education Round Table
 Intersegmental Coordinating Committee
 Chico State University
 CoBro Inc.
 College Options Inc.
 Colusa County Office of Education
 Expect More Tehama
 Glenn County Office of Education
 National University
 Shasta Community College
 Tehama County Department of Education
 Zion Christian Ministries

If your business or organization is interested in partnering with the UC Davis GEAR UP Rural Valley Partnership in support of college and career readiness in Tehama, Glenn and Colusa Counties, please contact us.

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GEAR UP Supported School Sites

C.K. Price Intermediate School
 Orland

Hamilton Elementary School
 Hamilton City

Hamilton High School
 Hamilton City

Lloyd Johnson Junior High School
 Arbuckle

Orland High School
 Orland

Pierce High School
 Arbuckle

Red Bluff High School
 Red Bluff

Vista Preparatory Academy
 Red Bluff

Williams Junior Senior High School
 Williams

Williams Upper Elementary School
 Williams

Willows High School
 Willows

Willows Intermediate School
 Willows



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GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a federally funded program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. GEAR UP's six-year grants fund services at high-poverty middle and high schools. GEAR UP grantees serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school.