

GEAR UP is a federal initiative funded by the US Department of Education. The purpose of GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is to bring college awareness and preparation to 28 middle and high schools across Philadelphia.

GEAR UP is a partnership between schools, colleges, universities, and community organizations that ensures that students have the knowledge and resources they need to succeed. We sponsor tutoring and mentoring programs, college visits, college guidance workshops, training for teachers and a variety of other programs to help reach the goal of preparing every Philadelphia student for excellence in school and in the workforce.

Ask your school's GEAR UP Coordinator what kinds of activities and services will be available to you this year. (see below)

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GEAR UP Schools

Edison High School	Overbrook High School
DeBurgos Middle School	Beeber Middle School
Stetson Middle School	Shoemaker Middle School
Kensington High School	Overbrook Education Center
Jones Middle School	Lamberton School
Ludlow Elementary School	University City High School
Penn Treaty Middle School	Drew Elementary School
Benjamin Franklin High School	Martha Washington Elementary School
Bache-Martin School	McMichael Elementary School
Kelley Elementary School	Sulzberger Middle School
Morris Elementary School	West Philadelphia High School
Reynolds Elementary School	Lea Elementary School
Stoddart-Fleischer Middle School	Sayre Middle School
Vaux Middle School	Shaw Middle School
William Penn High School	
Elverson Middle School	
Wanamaker Middle School	



Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs



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For Students who are GEARed UP...

You may only be in 8th or 9th grade, but your college preparation starts NOW! The classes you take, the grades you earn, and the choices you make now affect what you will do in the future. Here are some things GEAR UP students do to achieve success-

GEAR UP students:

- ☞ Prepare themselves for college early. In high school, they take a college prep curriculum.

4 years of English

4 years of Math

Three years of Science (with labs)

Three years of Social Studies

Two years of the same foreign language

- ☞ Know their options. They get information about all the opportunities there are in life by attending college fairs, workshops on financial aid, and career fairs.
- ☞ Participate. They get involved in after-school programs that enrich their minds or provide extra help in a difficult class. They develop interests outside of school by taking part in sports or arts programs.
- ☞ Accept a challenge. They take difficult courses in school, study hard, and never take the easy way out.
- ☞ Have a network of people who support them. They've got their families, teachers, counselors, and friends to make sure they stay on the path to good grades, high achievement, and college.
- ☞ **Never say "If I go to college," but "WHEN I go to college."**

Remember, if you attend a GEAR UP school,
YOU ARE A GEAR UP STUDENT!

For Parents/Guardians who are GEARed UP...

Here are some things GEAR UP parents and guardians do to help their child achieve success-

GEAR UP Parents/Guardians:

- ☞ Set High Expectations
- ☞ Know their child's teachers & counselors
- ☞ Act as an advocate for their child
- ☞ Make themselves knowledgeable about college
- ☞ Attend High School and college fairs
- ☞ Attend financial aid workshops
- ☞ Are active in their home and school council
- ☞ Participate in school activities
- ☞ Discuss their child's dreams, goals, and aspirations
- ☞ Are not afraid to ask questions

Remember,
if your child attends a GEAR UP school,
**YOU ARE A GEAR UP
PARENT/GUARDIAN!**

For Teachers and Counselors who are GEARed UP...

Here are some things GEAR UP teachers and counselors do to help their students achieve success-

GEAR UP Teachers and Counselors:

- ☞ Strive for excellence
- ☞ Attend professional development and are knowledgeable about preparing students for college
- ☞ Participate in College and Career Guidance activities
- ☞ Make use of all GEAR UP resources available to them
- ☞ Use after school programs
- ☞ Develop positive relationships with parents/guardians
- ☞ Know community partners in their school
- ☞ Act as a mentor/use a peer mentor
- ☞ Understand and teach to a variety of learning styles
- ☞ Are active members of the school community

Remember, if you work in a GEAR UP school,
YOU ARE A PART OF THE GEAR UP TEAM!