

Texas GEAR UP

GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



The **Texas GEAR UP** program is a six-year federal program (2006-2012) created to enhance early college awareness, access, and readiness for Texas students beginning in the seventh grade. To achieve these goals, the project focuses on four major areas:

- Student and family information and early intervention,
- Advanced academic opportunities,
- Educator preparation and quality, and
- Family and community support.

As the state GEAR UP grant, the Texas Education Agency's Texas GEAR UP project provides resources and networking opportunities for educators, parents, and students across the state. In 2009-2010, GEAR UP partnership grants throughout Texas will serve almost **55,000 students on 179 campuses in 89 districts**.

GEAR UP projects operate through partnerships between local education agencies, institutions of higher education, and community groups. This model provides multifaceted support for students in their preparation for and pursuit of postsecondary education. Nationally, 42.8% of GEAR UP students pass Algebra I by 9th grade and GEAR UP students graduate at a rate higher than their peers, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Created under the Clinton administration, GEAR UP has become a cornerstone in many districts' college readiness programs. Since 1999, GEAR UP projects in Texas have received approximately **\$290,000,000 in federal funding**.

As GEAR UP enters its 10th year, the state project will continue to support partnerships across the state by providing resources designed to enhance the positive role educators, peers, families, businesses, and community groups play in a student's decision to attend college and to equip the student with the information and academic preparation required to succeed once enrolled.

For more information on Texas GEAR UP and to access GEAR UP resources, visit www.texasgearup.com. For more information about GEAR UP across the nation, visit www.ed.gov/gearup.

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