

GEAR UP Facts

Class of 2027



Allentown, Norristown,
and Pottstown School
Districts



Over 2,000 students and
families to serve



PA State Universities

WHAT

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs is a federal grant program to support students and families.

GEAR UP offers college and career readiness programs, financial assistance and support, and educational programming to prepare students for post secondary success.

WHY

To raise expectations and increase student high school graduation rates and enrollment in college.

HOW

GEAR UP provides students with academic enrichment including tutoring, financial aid and financial literacy workshops, college readiness workshops, and a variety of other resources to support student's dreams of going to college.

GEAR UP also offers resources to teachers and families to better engage with students about the college process.



Pennsylvania State

GEAR UP

Reach for the Future

In partnership with Shippensburg
University and the Pennsylvania
State System of Higher Education

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GEAR UP Goals



- Increase student achievement, graduation rates, and students' preparation for postsecondary education.
- Develop a "college-going culture" within GEAR UP: Reach for the Future schools and communities.
- Increase family engagement and knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing.
- Increase enrollment and first-year to second-year persistence in postsecondary education.



GEAR UP & Families

Parents and families play an important role as students transition from middle school to high school to college.

GEAR UP provides:

- Parent advising on attendance, academic performance, and college and career readiness
- College campus visits
- Workshops on college readiness, admissions, and requirements
- Financial literacy workshops
- Student recognition events



GEAR UP & Teachers

GEAR UP provides:

- Professional Development
- Curriculum support through rigorous academic enrichment
- Tutors

"I think when they finally do choose a school, they're gonna know what they want and what they don't want. I think in that aspect it's just giving them more options and giving them more information."

-District Teacher

GEAR UP & Students

Through GEAR UP students will have the opportunity to engage in:

- College and Career Advising
- Academic Advising
- Financial Literacy Instruction
- Individual and Group Tutoring
- Academic Enrichment
- Job Site Visits
- College Visits
- College and Career Fair



GEAR UP is here to help students complete high school and enroll in college in order to Reach for the Future.

"Actually, one of the field trips that I went on, that's when I decided I wanted to come here [to the university], when I was in eighth grade. And so now, I am here."

-GEAR UP Student

