GEAR UP provides tools, information and a supportive infrastructure so that Oklahoma students have the opportunity to succeed in higher education.

Oklahoma GEAR UP

Grant Objectives

Increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education
- Percentage of GEAR UP students who pass pre-algebra by the end of 8th grade will increase 5% each year.
- Percentage of GEAR UP students who pass Algebra I by the end of 9th grade will increase 3% each year.
- Percentage of GEAR UP students who take three years of math beyond Algebra I by the 12th grade will increase 5% each year.
- Percentage of GEAR UP teachers identified as highly effective will increase 5% as measured by the calibration of student value-added data analysis and new state teacher evaluation system scores each year.

Increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education
- Percentage of GEAR UP students who graduate from high school will increase 2% each year.
- Percentage of GEAR UP students who place into college level math and English without remediation will increase 3% each year.
- Percentage of GEAR UP students who have knowledge of and demonstrate necessary academic preparation for college will increase 3% each year.
- Percentage of current and former GEAR UP students who are enrolled in college will increase 3% each year.
- Percentage of former GEAR UP students who are on track to graduate college will increase 4% each year.

Increase student and family knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing
- Percentage of GEAR UP students and families who demonstrate knowledge of available financial aid and the costs and benefits of pursuing postsecondary education will increase 6% each year.
- Percentage of GEAR UP parents/families who actively engage in college preparation activities will increase 10% each year.
The U.S. Department of Education awarded Oklahoma with a state GEAR UP grant totaling $20.5 million in 1999. The grant was supplemented with a one-year extension of $4.4 million in 2004. Oklahoma received additional GEAR UP grants totaling $20.6 million in 2005 and $34.9 million in 2011. The grants have been matched by more than $48 million from state and partner resources. With the addition of the 2011 grant, Oklahoma’s GEAR UP program will ultimately receive more than $80.4 million in federal funds by 2018.