

GEAR UP Specifics and Activities for Partnership Support 2017-2018

Grant Specifics

- Districts must have completed/approved budget turned in to the Education Specialists by **June 30, 2017**
- Budget for activities from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018
- First checks will be submitted to the districts on or about August 1, 2018
- Check for the remainder of district budget (over \$50,000) will be submitted to the districts on October 15, 2017
- Mid-Year budget review/report will be due to GEAR UP, on **January 12, 2018**
- All funds must be encumbered by August 1, 2018
- Districts must complete their APR data by **March 9, 2018**.
- Funds cannot be spent until services have been rendered

Required Activities

- Site Coordinator Stipend (to be paid after the APR and survey data is submitted)
- Rookie Event for Freshmen
- ACT Test for ALL Juniors – **October 3, 2017**
- ACT Prep Course ALL Seniors
- National GEAR UP Week, **September 18-22, 2017**
- College Application Week, **September 18-22, 2017**
- College Visits for ALL 7-9-11 grade students
- College/Career Seminars (OKcollegestart.org, College Match etc.)
- Gallup Poll for 11th Grade
- Financial Aid Event
- GEAR UP Advisory Board – (2 meetings required)

Optional Activities

NOTE: GEAR UP activities can only be used to supplement existing programs or to implement new strategies, and cannot take the place of existing programs or activities that are already being provided by the district and funded with district general funds

- Professional Development for teachers/leaders
 - BRIC Training of Trainers
 - Career Choices Training of Trainers
 - HERO's Leadership program

- Grant Writing
 - Link Crew Training
 - GEAR UP funded professional development – Professional Learning Communities
- Travel for teachers/administrators to attend approved professional development during non-contract days/hours (Must follow district's travel policies or state travel policies, whichever is the most restrictive)
 - Tutoring/Mentoring (If offered during school day)
 - Communication/Outreach activities to recruit students to participate in GEAR UP activities
 - Activities that support the development of rigorous academic curricula (curriculum alignment; curriculum development; professional learning communities)
 - STEM programs
 - Provide an extensive extended day, school year, or summer program that offers additional academic classes or assists students with college admission applications
 - Travel for students to attend summer academies
 - Disseminating information that promotes the importance of higher education and raises the awareness of resources available to students and parents
 - Financial literacy activities
 - Programs and activities that are specially designed for students who are limited English proficient
 - Provide community awareness events and activities. Host college/career fairs & activities
 - Implement job shadowing and career activities.
 - Create a parent organization which fosters improved parent involvement
 - Take parents on college campus field trips
 - Concurrent enrollment support for students
 - AP Premier for parents and students