GEAR UP Specifics and Activities for Partnership Support 2020-2021

Grant Specifics

- Districts must have completed/approved budget and Implementation Plan turned in to the Education Coordinator by August 3, 2020.
- Budget for activities from July 1, 2020 through Oct 31, 2020
- Final Budget for the previous year is due July 17, 2020
- Checks will be mailed or direct deposited to district by approximately August 14, 2020
- Districts must have completed/approved addendum budget and Implementation Plan turned in to the Education Coordinator by October 30, 2020.
- Budget for addendum activities from November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- Mid-Year budget review/report will be due to GEAR UP, on January 8, 2021
- Districts must complete their APR data by December 18, 2020.
- Funds cannot be spent until services have been rendered

Required Activities

- Rookie /Transition Event for students entering the high school.
- ACT Test for ALL Juniors – October 6, 2020
- National GEAR UP Week, September 21-26, 2020
- College Application Week, September 21-26, 2020
- College Visits for ALL 7-9-11 grade students
- College Signing Day Event
- Financial Aid Event (FAFSA and OKpromise)
- GEAR UP Advisory Board – (2 meetings required)
- Implementation and Support of Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
- Check and Connect At Risk Program
- ICAP Plans
- Connect U College Enrollment Day

Optional Activities
NOTE: GEAR UP activities can only be used to extend or expand 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 (supplanting)

- Professional Development for teachers/leaders
  - Grant Writing
  - Link Crew Training
  - On Point for New/Alternative Certified/Emergency Certified Personnel
  - Check and Connect Staff Training
  - Data Training for District Leadership Teams
- 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)
- *College Ready* On-line remediation for college placement.
- *Ninth Grade PreACT*
- 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
- 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