

CALIFORNIA GEAR UP

EXPECTED OUTCOMES AT CALIFORNIA GEAR UP MIDDLE SCHOOLS

As a result of participation in the California GEAR UP program, middle schools are expected to take advantage of and leverage the resources provided, and make use of other resources available to the school, to produce both increased opportunities and results for students and their families.

The five outcomes, listed below along with GEAR UP resources, are essential for sustaining school improvement and a *college-going culture*, and for increasing the opportunities for students to succeed. Below each expectation are the California GEAR UP resources provided to support the schools. The annual evaluation will document progress toward the achievement of the outcomes.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES AT SCHOOLS

- A Leadership Team led by the Principal, which guides the school-wide development of a *college-going culture* within a wider school improvement effort, and whose members actively participate in California GEAR UP activities.
 - Principal & Leadership Team Institutes and Forums, School Self-Assessment Rubric (SSAR), Perceptions of Attitudes, Readiness and Commitment to Change assessment, Community Conference, CGU Newsletter, CGU Website, CGU Blog.
- Rigorous academic instruction for all students, with regular and timely support for struggling students, and an increased number of Advanced Courses, including PreAlgebra in Grade 7, and Algebra 1 in grade 8.
 - College Board and Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Program (MDTP)/DASKALA, Professional Development Action Plan (PDAP), Taking Center Stage – Act II.
- Academic counseling which includes an individual grade 7 – 12 Academic Plan for each student, based on their strengths and interests.
 - Tools Conference for Counseling staff, californacolleges.edu, College Board Counseling Workshops
- College and financial aid information for all students and families, including a College Corner in each school.
 - Resources and Materials Clearinghouse, GEAR UP curriculum for grades 6, 7, & 8; *College: Making It Happen* guide and video, *Kids on Campus* video, *Complete Pocket Guide to California Colleges and Universities*, ScholarShare
- Regular involvement of families in supporting excellence in learning and high aspirations of postsecondary education for their children.
 - CA GEAR UP Family Engagement Services provided by the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) and Coalition for Educational Partnerships (CEP), Education Trust Awards (ETA).

EXPECTED RESULTS FOR STUDENTS

- Increased percentage of students enrolled in rigorous academic instruction and advanced courses, including PreAlgebra in Grade 7, and Algebra 1 in grade 8.
- Increased percentage of students performing at or above grade level, and scoring at Proficient or above on California Standards Tests.
- Decreased percentage of students with unexcused absences.
- Increased percentage of students promoted to the next grade level on schedule.
- Increased percentage of students taking the Explore or PSAT
- Increased percentage of students with an individual grade 7 – 12 Academic Plan, based on their strengths and interests
- Increased percentage of families expecting their students to achieve a 4-year college degree or higher, having the information needed to support their students through middle school and high school, and having information about college entrance requirements and financial aid.