



Gaining
Early
Awareness and
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Undergraduate
Programs



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GEARUP is a multi-year federal education grant with two primary purposes:

1. To give more students (especially low-income students) the skills, encouragement, and preparation needed to pursue post-secondary education; and
2. To contribute to the reform and improvement of schools.

What is the need?

America cannot afford to waste the talents of any of its young people. Half of low-income students with average test scores and one-third of middle income students with average test scores do not go to college. Even high-achieving students from low-income families are significantly less likely to attend than high-achieving students from higher incomes families. Yet in the twenty-first century, two to four years of college will be more essential than ever before. **GEARUP** is designed to enable more young Americans to stay in school, study hard, and take the right courses to go to college.

GEARUP Features

- Early intervention for students (must begin in middle school)
- Parental Involvement
- Flexibility
- Evaluation
- Whole Cohort Approach (entire grade level strategies)
- Partnership Building (requires LEA/College partnership plus two community partners)
- Collaboration and Articulation



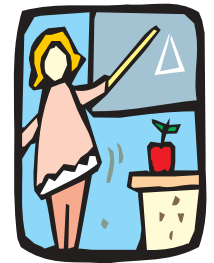
Long-Term Goals

- Increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to go to college and succeed
- Strengthen academic programs and student services at participating schools for all students.
- Build an academic pipeline from school to college, K-16 schools, colleges, students, parents, government, and community groups.
- Improve teaching and learning
- Raise standards of academic achievement for all students.

GEARUP Services

Teacher Training

- Best Practices
- College Awareness
- Vertical Teams



Classroom Activities



- Study Skills and Organization
- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Writing Across the Curriculum

College Activities

- College Visits
- Mentoring/Tutoring
- Summer Residential Experiences

Parents

- State Standards
- Financial Aid and Scholarship Information
- College Readiness

