

GEAR UP I Elective Grade 9 (2008-2009)

Tentative Topics by Week Outlined

First Semester

- Week 1: Introduction to the class, Introduction to CollegeEd, CollegeEd Unit 1 Exploration of Self
- Week 2: College Dream- A. Chapter 1 Dream a Little Dream: Imagining My Future
- Week 3: CollegeEd Unit 2 Personal Goals Assessment
- Week 4: College Dream- Chapter 2 Exploring Career Options
- Week 5: CollegeEd Unit 3 The Value of Education
- Week 6: College Dream- Chapter 3 College 101: Researching Colleges and Universities
College Field Trip
- Week 7: CollegeEd Unit 4 Creating a Personal Support Network
- Week 8: College Dream- Chapter 4 The Life and Times of a First-Generation College Student
- Week 9: CollegeEd Unit 5 The High School Experience
- Week 10: College Dream- Chapter 5 Mock College Admissions
- Week 11: CollegeEd Unit 6 What's My Style?
- Week 12: College Dream- B. Chapter 1 Debunking the Myths for Financial Aid: A Workshop for Students and Families
- Week 13: CollegeEd Unit 7 Exploring Careers and Majors **College Field Trip**
- Week 14: College Dream- Chapter 2 Being a Wise Borrower: The Importance of Managing Your Money
- Week 15: CollegeEd Unit 8 The College Choice,
- Week 16: College Dream- Chapter 3 & 4 Who Wants to Spend \$20,000?, Comparing Financial Aid Packages
- Week 17: CollegeEd Unit 9 Getting Into College
- Week 18: CollegeEd Unit 10 Paying for College, **Cultural Activity**

2nd Semester

- Week 1: Handbook- Chapter 1 Master of Your Fate, Captain of Your Soul
- Week 2: Handbook- Chapter 2 What Attitude Are You Wearing?
- Week 3: Handbook- Chapter 3 For Ninth Graders Only
- Week 4: Handbook- Chapter 4 The Rules and Requirements
- Week 5: Handbook- Chapter 5 Grades 36
- Week 6: Handbook- Chapter 6 How Do You Choose Courses? **College Field Trip**
- Week 7: Handbook- Chapter 7 Subject by Subject
- Week 8: Handbook- Chapter 8 Diplomas
- Week 9: Handbook- Chapter 9 Tests: Which Ones, When, Why, and How to Do Better
- Week 10: Handbook- Chapter 10 What Does It Mean to Be “Smart” and How Do You Get Smarter?
- Week 11: Handbook- Chapter 11 What to Do When Classes Aren’t Going Well
- Week 12: Handbook- Chapter 12 Using School to Start Your Career **College Field Trip**
- Week 13: Handbook- Chapter 13 Getting Real About the World of Work
- Week 14: Handbook- Chapter 14 Different Ways to Do High School
- Week 15: Handbook- Chapter 16 Extracurricular Activities
- Week 16: Handbook- Chapter 17 Why College?
- Week 17: Handbook- Chapter 18 Where to Go for Job Training
- Week 18: Handbook- Chapter 19 & 20 Which College?, Solving Personal Problems **Cultural Activity**

Required Text:

- College Ed High School Edition, Teacher's Guide and College Ed 9th Grade Workbook
- Realizing the College Dream
- The Real High School Handbook

Suggested Resources:

- Countdown To Colleges: 21 To Do Lists for High School
- First in the Family, Advice About College From First-Generation Students
- Daring to be Different 25 Tips for A Life of Success
- I Have Risen- Essays by African-American Youth, Ron Brown Scholar Program-Read to Lead Program

The GEAR UP 9th grade elective using College Ed is supplemental curriculum designed to engage students in the college and career planning process. The high school editions, 9th Grade: It's UP to ME and 10th Grade: I'm On MY Way; focus on conveying important messages and practical information about colleges, careers, academic planning, and relationship building. This course is available for 9th grade GEAR UP students and non 9th grade GEAR UP students where space is available

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