



Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

Preparing underrepresented students for college and beyond.

The GEAR UP project is focused on improving school completion and college attendance rates for first-generation students, students of color and students with disabilities.

Over the next six years, project faculty and staff will work to provide resources to impact over 1,000 Bryan ISD seventh-graders. These resources will include comprehensive professional development services to teachers, counselors and administrators.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the GEAR UP grant is designed to enable more young Americans to succeed in school, to study hard and to take the right courses to become eligible and competitive for admission to colleges and universities.

Based upon proven models, GEAR UP supports institutions of higher education, local schools and their districts, community-based organizations, businesses and states as they work together to help students and their parents receive information, training and support along the pathway to college.

“There are a couple of unique aspects to this project. One is that we’re targeting the entire seventh grade of Bryan ISD, including kids on IEPs, even those with moderate to severe disabilities. The other is that we are taking meetings and trainings out of the schools and into community locations such as community centers and local churches to better reach families and make activities more accessible to them.”

— *Dr. Patricia Lynch,*
GEAR UP Co-Director

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