



GEAR UP ACTIVITIES, EVENTS & SERVICES

- In-class tutoring
- Zero Period (before school) tutoring
- After school tutoring
- Field trips
- College visits
- Summer Camp
- Student Success Forum
- Academic Planning
- Parent Leadership & Workshops
- Teacher Professional Development
- After school Enrichment Activities
- College Exploration
- Career Exploration
- Student Leadership



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GEAR UP



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in our
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Making College a Reality

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), is a national program “designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.” GEAR UP prepares students for college beginning in middle school.

Source: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/gearup>

The LAUSD District 8 GEAR UP program is designed to increase the number of students interested in and prepared to successfully pursue a college education. GEAR UP aims to address academic underachievement and the high dropout rates by providing resources and opportunities that promote **academic achievement, high expectations, rigorous courses** and a **college-going culture** on school campuses. A key component of GEAR UP is in-class tutoring provided by college students.

Currently, District 8 GEAR UP serves four middle schools: Carnegie, Caroldale Learning Community, Curtiss and Stephen White. GEAR UP will expand its services to Carson H.S. in 2008. In-class tutors are students from California State Dominguez Hills, El Camino Community College and other local colleges.

District 8 GEAR UP believes that all students are capable of academic success in an environment with high expectations and the proper resources. With the active support and engagement of school administrators, teachers, parents, community members and the students; GEAR UP will make college a reality for the students it serves.

WHY COLLEGE?

• A person with a bachelor’s degree earns an average of \$983 a week. A person with only a high school diploma earns an average of \$507 a week. In other words, a person with a bachelor’s degree makes about \$1,900 more a month, **\$23,000 more a year, and nearly a million over a lifetime!**



- In 15 years, over 84% of jobs will require some level of college.
- College is a fun and exciting experience. In fact, college days are, for many, some of the **best days** of their lives. It is a time to meet many people from many different backgrounds and cultures; to grow as an individual; to become a leader and to explore your interests.

• A college education opens up doors, gives one more **choices**, and gains more **respect** in the workforce.



- College is an opportunity to **expand one’s mind**...to learn new things, to become a problem solver, to express one’s self and to be creative.
- By attending college, one can become a **role model** to the youth in his/her **community**.

WHY PLAN EARLY?

So, yes, there are many benefits to pursuing and completing a college degree. But, why start planning as early as middle school?

As stated in ACT’s report *College Readiness Begins in Middle School*, “...early planning gives students the opportunity to take the necessary middle and high school courses to prepare them for postsecondary education...”.

District 8 GEAR UP is committed to supporting its school partners in ensuring that its students and parents are aware of and have access to the resources and tools necessary for early college preparation.

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

Simply put, the best way to plan for college is to ACHIEVE. Set high expectations, earn good grades and get involved in school and community activities.

The two California public university systems—the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) have established the A-G requirements for entry into the universities.



The A-G requirements are listed below. Notice some subjects have requirements and recommendations. The requirements are the minimum needed to be eligible for the universities. In fact, LAUSD requires that all students complete the minimum A-G requirements prior to high school graduation. By achieving the recommendations, though, students become highly competitive for admissions into the university.

A-G Requirements

- a: Two years of history/social science required.
- b: Four years of college preparatory English required.
- c: Three years Mathematics required. **Four years Mathematics recommended (take Algebra I in middle school).**
- d: Two years Laboratory Science (biology, chemistry or physics) required. **Three years Laboratory Science recommended.**
- e: Two years Language (other than English) required. **Three years recommended.**
- f: One year Visual and Performing Arts required.
- g: One year of college preparatory electives (in addition to a-f) is required.

If you have questions, be sure to talk to the counselor(s) at your school.