



WINTER/SPRING 2023

Oklahoma GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), a federally funded program administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, partners with 10 school districts and seven regional colleges across the state to provide college preparation services and information to 7th-12th grade students, college freshmen, and their families. Our partnering school districts include: Ada, Claremore, Clinton, Duncan, Durant, Jay, Locust Grove, Skiatook, Tahlequah and Woodward.

The program is designed to prepare middle and high school students for college success through direct student support services, effective educator professional development and leadership opportunities, and parent and family outreach activities and events. Coaches provide college freshmen who graduated from GEAR UP high schools with assistance in acclimating to college life.

GEAR UP Objectives

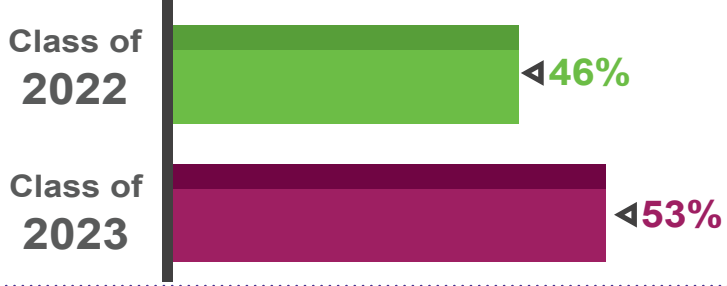
- 01** Increase the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
- 02** Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.
- 03** Increase GEAR UP students' and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing.

2022-23 SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

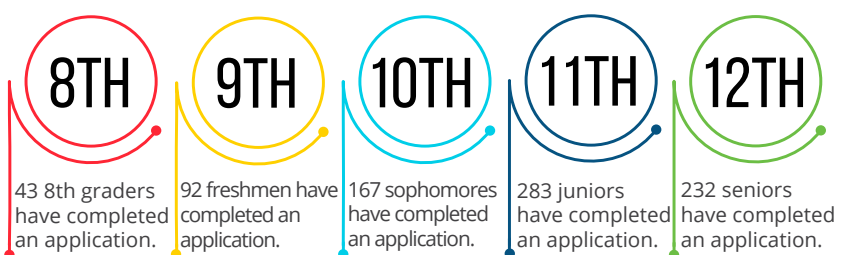
- STUDENT CONNECT**
55 students participated in GEAR UP's Student Connect mentoring program
- ACADEMIC COUNSELING**
2,508 students received individual counseling about college
- FINANCIAL AID**
2,079 students received financial aid counseling
- CAMPUS VISITS**
5,772 students visited a college campus
- STUDENT WORKSHOPS**
9,437 students participated in college and career readiness workshops

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT	# of Students	Fees & Books Paid by GEAR UP
2022-23 School Year	919	\$285,608

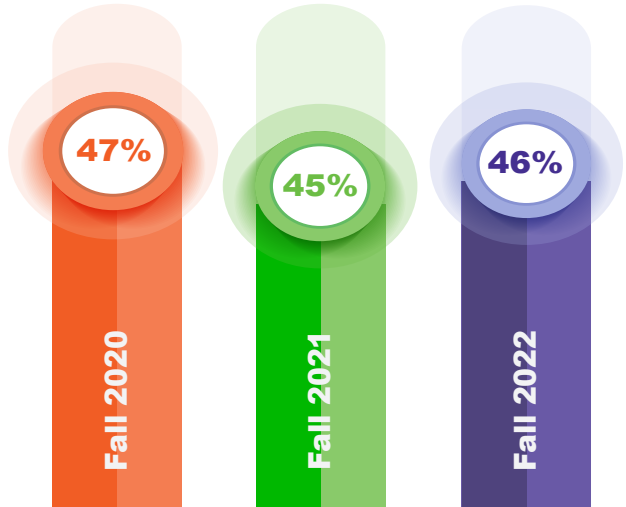
FAFSA COMPLETIONS



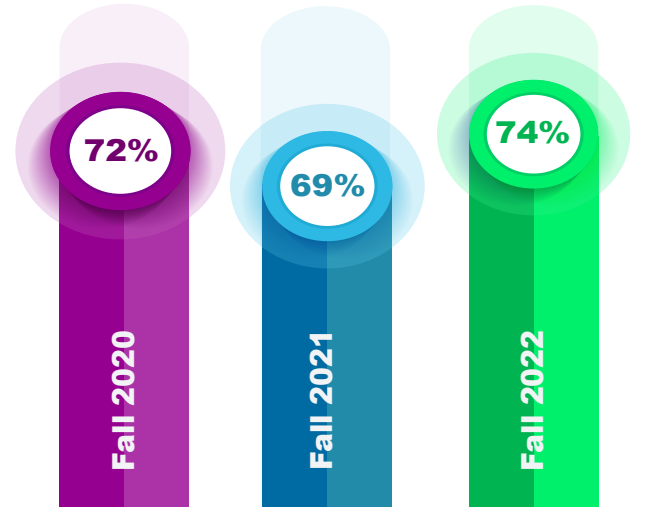
OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE COMPLETIONS (as of June 28, 2023)



IMMEDIATE COLLEGE-GOING RATES



FIRST-TO-SECOND-YEAR PERSISTENCE RATES



CLASSROOM SUPPORT



OnPoint, a yearlong program offered by Oklahoma GEAR UP, is designed to offer individual coaching to emergency-certified, alternatively certified and first-year teachers on: classroom management and instruction techniques, Oklahoma’s academic standards and the professional learning process. Each year, GEAR UP conducts a survey to evaluate the OnPoint program. Below are a few quotes from participating teachers this past school year regarding their experience.

“I liked the fact that there was someone here to help me from the start. Debra did an awesome job helping me improve, and I’m very thankful for her.”

“The overarching encouragement and positive critiques have helped me to form a better plan and direction for my teaching.”

“I appreciate all of the positive feedback that the instructional coach gave me when she visited my room and observed my classroom. Not only did it boost my confidence in the classroom, but it also helped to validate that some of the decisions that I was making were effective.”

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(Jan. 1 - June 1, 2023)



- 8,245 visitors
- 13,180 page views
- Average of three pages per session

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SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

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974,568 impressions



75,897 impressions



350,789 impressions

For more information about the impacts Oklahoma GEAR UP continues to make, please visit **okgearup.org**.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Oklahoma with a state GEAR UP grant totaling \$20.5 million in 1999. The grant was supplemented with a one-year extension of \$4.4 million in 2004. Oklahoma received additional GEAR UP grants totaling \$20.6 million in 2005 and \$34.9 million in 2011. In September 2017, the State Regents were awarded a fourth, consecutive GEAR UP grant in the amount of \$24 million over the next seven years.

