



# OKLAHOMA GEAR UP

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.

**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.

## GEAR UP Objectives

## 2023-24 SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS



### STUDENT CONNECT

58 students participated in GEAR UP's Student Connect mentoring program



### ACADEMIC COUNSELING

4,786 students received individual counseling about college



### FINANCIAL AID

5,890 students received financial aid counseling



### CAMPUS VISITS

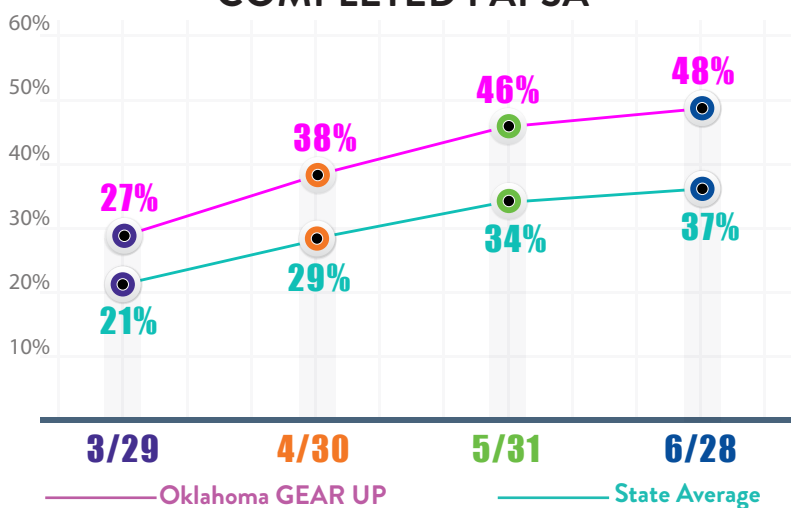
5,004 students visited a college campus



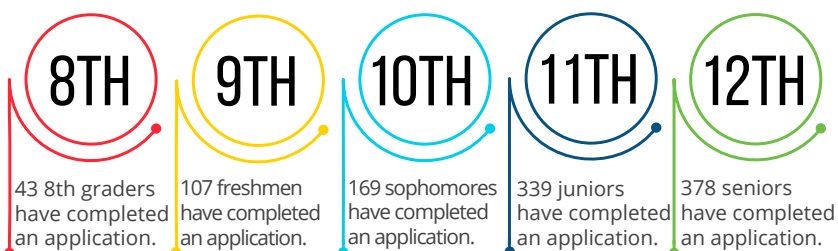
### STUDENT WORKSHOPS

7,755 students participated in college and career readiness workshops

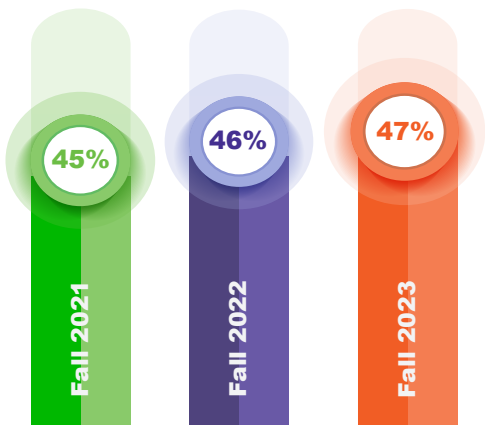
## PERCENTAGE OF SENIORS WITH A COMPLETED FAFSA



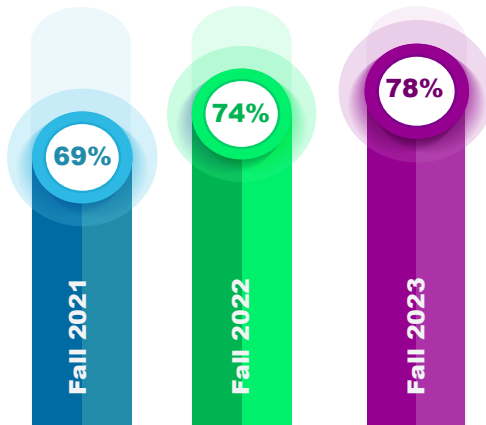
## OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE COMPLETIONS (as of June 5, 2024)



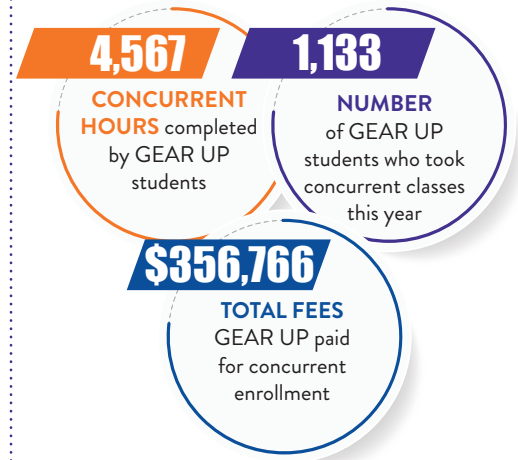
## IMMEDIATE COLLEGE-GOING RATES



## FIRST-TO-SECOND-YEAR PERSISTENCE RATES



## CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT FALL 2023/SPRING 2024



## 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. Below are results from a survey GEAR UP conducts yearly to evaluate the OnPoint program.

**GEAR UP COACHING HELPED IMPROVE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**



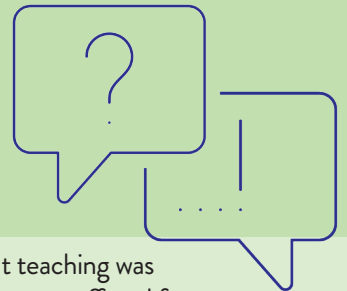
**GEAR UP COACHING HELPED IMPROVE INSTRUCTION PRACTICES**



**GEAR UP COACHING HELPED IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PRACTICES**



## WHAT WAS THE MOST USEFUL ASPECT OF THE GEAR UP'S ONPOINT PROGRAM?



- ▶ Gaining new knowledge about teaching was really helpful. Also, the reassurance offered from instructional coach helped my confidence in the classroom.
- ▶ Advice! As a first year teacher, I came across situations that I never prepared/planned for, and it was extremely helpful to have someone mentor me through those situations.
- ▶ My OnPoint coach was a lifesaver for me this year in many ways, but particularly in the areas of instructional tips, lesson creativity, and moral support. As a first year teacher, I had many questions for her during our one-on-one meetings. She had multiple solutions for every obstacle I brought to her, providing me with tools that maximized my effectiveness in the classroom. I truly cannot imagine having experienced this rookie year without her constant accessibility, positive mentoring, and impressive knowledge.

For more information about the impacts Oklahoma GEAR UP continues to make, please visit [okgearup.org](http://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.