



## **GEAR UP Specifics and Activities for Partnership Support 2025-26**

### **Grant Specifics**

- Districts must have completed/approved budget and Implementation Plan turned into the Site GEAR UP Director by **June 20, 2025**.
- Funds will be by wire transfer to district by approximately **July 14, 2025**.
- Funds cannot be spent until services have been completed.
- Mid-Year Budgets – **January 9, 2026**
- District Budgets and Implementation Plans – **June 30, 2026**

### **Required Activities**

- Implement YouScience Career Readiness Platform for all 7 \* 8 grade students.
- Pre-ACT for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- College Visits for ALL 7 & 8 grade students
- Career Fair all 7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- ICAP Plans
- Pre-ACT for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders,
- ACT Test for ALL Juniors, **Oct.7, 2025**
- Concurrent Enrollment fees for one grade level (Junior/Senior) up to 9 hours per semester
- National GEAR UP Week, **September 22-26, 2025**
- College Application Week, **September 22-26, 2025**
- Financial Aid Event (FAFSA and OKpromise)
- GEAR UP mentoring Program Student Connect
- College Preparation Classroom Presentations (7-12)
- Connect U College Enrollment Day for high school Seniors.
- GEAR UP Advisory Board – (2 site meetings needed)
- Principal Summit (Fall and Spring) OKC
- Superintendent Round Table (Fall and Spring)

## Optional Activities

NOTE: GEAR UP activities can only be used to extend or expand existing programs or to implement new strategies, and cannot take the place of existing programs or activities that are already being provided by community or the district and funded with district general funds (supplanting)

- Professional Development for teachers/leaders
  - Link Crew Training
  - On Point for New/Alternative Certified/Emergency Certified Personnel
  - Check and Connect Staff Training
  - Data Training for District Leadership Teams
  - SREB Middle School/High School Math Curriculum Assessment
- Travel for teachers/administrators to attend approved professional development during non-contract days/hours (Must follow district's travel policies or state travel policies, whichever is the most restrictive)
- Tutoring/Mentoring (If offered during school day).
- ACT Prep (if school has an ACT class or structured delivery of the materials)
- Rookie Camp for HS/MS students to transition from one building to another.
- Communication/Outreach activities to recruit students to take part in GEAR UP activities.
- Activities that support the development of rigorous academic curricula (curriculum alignment; curriculum development;)
- Disseminating information that promotes the importance of higher education and raises the awareness of resources available to students and parents.
- Financial literacy activities
- Programs and activities that are specially designed for students who are limited English proficient, first-generation college students or minority students.
- Provide community awareness events and activities. Host college/career fairs & activities.
- Implement job shadowing and career activities.
- Create a parent organization which fosters improved parent involvement.
- Take parents on college campus field trips.