

Compared to high school graduates, college graduates are more likely to have meaningful, engaging careers; tend to be more satisfied with life and rate themselves as happier.

Did You Know

“Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”

- John F. Kennedy

What is GEAR UP College Link

A partnership funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) College Link is administered in Central Texas by ESC Region 12 to give select students the skills, encouragement and preparation to pursue a college education. Focusing on early intervention beginning in middle school, the program serves students as they progress through middle school and high school.

Planning for your child’s future is starting. Get involved today!

Contact your school GEAR UP Facilitator or ESC Region 12 for more information.

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Planning for Success Starts Now!



FOR PARENTS

Why is **GEAR UP** important to **YOU?**

Because your child is in the class of 2017 or 2018 at one of 22 GEAR UP College Link districts in Central Texas, *your child will be served by the grant program.*

The Purpose

GEAR UP is designed to help more young Americans stay in school, develop good study skills and take the right courses to go to college.

The Plan

The program supports a cohort group of students from the classes of 2017 and 2018, as well as their families, to increase their college and career readiness through:

- preparing academically
- college planning
- financial aid planning

The grant serves these students through high school.

**GEAR UP
is being
provided
to you
and
your
family
at no
cost!**

Why College?

On average, college graduates will earn 20 to 40 percent more money over their lifetime than those who don't attend college. A college degree provides entry into relatively high-status and high-paying technical, managerial and professional jobs.

As a parent, you want your child's education to prepare him or her for a successful future. This includes making sure your child is prepared to enter the college or career he or she desires and arming him or her with the life skills needed to make responsible adult decisions. Your participation in the GEAR UP program is important to your child's future as he or she is impacted by the grant's initiatives.

Here's how we're helping...

Services for Parents

- Information meetings
- Financial aid & scholarship information and counseling
- Understanding college requirements
- Financial planning assistance
- Parent/Teacher conferences



Services for Students

- Tutoring/homework assistance
- Financial aid counseling
- College visits/college student shadowing
- Summer programs
- Educational field trips
- Family/cultural events
- Leadership development
- College & career planning
- Study & organizational skills
- Courses required for college
- Testing preparation
- Mentoring

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