

Division: Presidents Office

Department: GEAR UP

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Program Description: GEAR UP is a program designed to systematically assist cohort groups from middle school through high school to plan and prepare for college. The program provides services to students, parents and staff to create a college-going culture within the school. The program works with a cohort of up to 400 students in each grade level, beginning in 7th grade, and provides services to the cohort for five years.

A sixth year reauthorization is expected, meaning we will be able to continue working with students when they reach 11th grade. In addition, we can ask for a no-cost time extension in which we can work with students in the 12th grade. because our first year was a planning year, we intend to rollover money each year in order to serve students through the no-cost time extension in the 12th grade. The grant will then conclude in 2008.

We are currently writing a new RFP for 2005-2011 in which we will begin work with two cohorts of 400 students each in 6th and 7th grades, until they reach the 11th and 12th grades respectively.

Ultimately, we are trying to establish ways in which to sustain activities either through new funding or through commitment of the schools to continue activities (particularly those that entail little or no cost) that promote a college-going culture.

Activities

Activity #1:

Provide a Parent Institute for Quality Education to 6th, 7th and 8th grade parents at Cajon Valley Middle School

Benefits:

Parents will enhance understanding of college entrance requirements and achieving academic success for their children

Requirements:

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| Curriculum Development? | N |
| Equipment? | N |
| Facilities? | Y |
| Marketing? | Y |
| Staffing – Classified? | Y |
| Staffing – Faculty? | N |
| Staff Development? | N |

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Activity #2:

Provide field trips, activities and workshops for students at Cajon Valley Middle School

Benefits:

Students at Cajon Valley Middle School will gain an awareness about and desire to attend college, as well as enhancing their motivation towards academic success

Requirements:

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|-------------------------|---|
| Curriculum Development? | N |
| Equipment? | N |
| Facilities? | Y |
| Marketing? | Y |
| Staffing – Classified? | Y |
| Staffing – Faculty? | Y |
| Staff Development? | N |

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Activity #3:

Develop and enhance the college-going culture at Cajon Valley Middle School

Benefits:

Students will become aware of the requirements to attend college and focus on college attendance and graduation at an early age

Requirements:

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| Curriculum Development? | Y |
| Equipment? | N |
| Facilities? | N |
| Marketing? | Y |
| Staffing – Classified? | N |
| Staffing – Faculty? | N |
| Staff Development? | Y |

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Activity #4:

Provide staff development opportunities for teachers at Cajon Valley Middle School

Benefits:

Teachers will develop ways in which to promote college attendance for all their students

Requirements:

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| Curriculum Development? | N |
| Equipment? | N |
| Facilities? | Y |
| Marketing? | Y |
| Staffing – Classified? | N |
| Staffing – Faculty? | N |
| Staff Development? | Y |

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Activity #5:

Continue to build collaboration between Cajon Valley Middle School and El Cajon Valley High School to assist in transition of 8th graders to high school

Benefits:

A strong relationship between the two partners will enhance the transition of GEAR UP students to the 9th grade, by ensuring that procedures are in place to continue the GEAR UP program at the high school level

Requirements:

Curriculum Development? N

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| Equipment? | N |
| Facilities? | Y |
| Marketing? | Y |
| Staffing – Classified? | N |
| Staffing – Faculty? | N |
| Staff Development? | Y |

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Additional Planning Activities

6. Promote sustainability activities for a college-going culture:

- Create a strategic plan for building and promoting a college-going culture for the middle school
 - Create manuals, PowerPoint presentations and procedures for the middle school to continue to promote a college-going culture
 - Provide a strategic plan for Parent Involvement
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Accomplishments

Accomplishment #1:

Provided college field trips and other activities for middle school students, including students in special education, to motivate them to prepare for college

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment #2:

Provided the Parent Institute for Quality Education and graduated 56 parents, who will now be better prepared to help their students achieve academic success

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment #3:

Provided college presentations to all 7th and 8th graders including high school graduation requirements, college preparation, A-G requirements, college entrance exams and financial aid

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment #4:

Provided the Discover software program to all 7th and 8th graders, resulting in individual interest and ability profiles, career exploration and 4-year high school plans

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment #5:

Collaborated with the high school to provide transition activities and a plan for GEAR UP students entering the 9th grade next year. Activities included high school ambassadors meeting with 8th grade classes and students participating in a high school student mentoring/shadowing

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment #6:

Analyzed data and determined that first year result indicate significant results in course success rates, changes in trimester GPA and changes in CST scores for English

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment #7:

Our evaluator created a database for data collection and to run basic data analyses

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment #8:

Provided funding for six middle school teachers and counselors to receive AVID training

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment #9:

Promoted a college-going culture at Cajon Valley Middle School

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Accomplishment 10:

Collaborated with the El Cajon Valley High School Parent Center to provide information to parents about academic achievement and college preparation

Goals and Objectives: 2, 2.1

Additional Accomplishments:

11. Received additional funding of over \$120,000 through SBC/NCCEP for a math and science enrichment program, and evaluation pilot project.