

Pike County High School Cohort: Class of 2020 and Select Students of 2021

Hope

Building a Foundation

Fiscal Years 1-2

2014, 2015

Possibility

Engaging Teachers, Students, their Families and Community

Fiscal Years 3-5

2016, 2017, 2018

Reality

Pursuing College and Career

Fiscal Years 5-7

2019, 2020, 2021

**Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)** is a competitive grant program of the U.S. Department of Education that increases the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education by providing States and local community-education partnerships six-to-seven year grants to offer support services to high-poverty, middle and high schools.

In the fall of 2014 the University of Alabama at Birmingham was awarded the state grant, thus GEAR UP Alabama (GUA) was born. Servicing nearly 9,300 students in 52 schools across 21 school systems throughout the Black Belt Region of Alabama, GEAR UP Alabama has **five objectives** to meet the overall goal established by the grant:

1.         Increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.

2.         Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.

3.         Increase GEAR UP students’ and their families’ knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing.

4.         Increase percentage of GEAR UP students who enroll in and succeed in postsecondary education.

5.         Increase the preparation of the project teachers and staff to teach and serve GEAR UP students.

*Gear Up Alabama Advantages:*

Teacher Resources Provided By Gear Up:

* **Kaplan Publication each year – Math and ELA aligned to the ACT and designed for rigor**
* **SREB Services**
* **E-Prep ( ACT Prep Site with free passwords and logins for each GUA student)**
* **Graduation Alliance Data Collection Results**

**Student Resources Provided By Gear Up:**

* **Regions Financial Literacy Lessons**
* **Monthly Activities ( mentoring, educational speakers, job shadowing, college panels and much more)**
* **E-Prep**
* **Kaplan Publications**
* **Two field trips per year**
* **Summer Camps**
* **Tutoring**
* **Tuition fully paid to any two year junior college in the State of Alabama upon high school graduation**

**Parent Resources Provided By Gear Up:**

* **Tuition fully paid for to any two year junior college in the State of Alabama (Introduced at Parent Scholars Night Workshops)**
* **Regions Family Wellness and Financial Workshops**

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**Please visit the Gear Up Alabama Website for more detailed information:** [**http://gearupal.com/**](http://gearupal.com/)

**And the Pike County High School Website for Gear Up Slide Shows and Additional Information**