College and Career Readiness through GEAR-UP Idaho and Partnerships

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GEAR-UP 2 SCHOOLS
GEAR-UP (cohort approach)

Federal Grant
States apply
School districts
GEAR-UP Goals

**Goal 1**
- Improve academic performance
- And preparation for post-secondary education

**Goal 2**
- Increase rate of HS graduation
- And enrollment in postsecondary education

**Goal 3**
- Increase student and families’ knowledge of post-secondary options, preparation, financing
- Raise expectations
Idaho’s STATS

- 47th in the nation in students completing HS and going on to college
- 43rd in the nation in student’s completing college
- 50th in the nation at college retention (freshman to sophomore)
- By the end of the decade more than 60% of the jobs will require some college education
Why College

College

Personal success

Financial stability

Health

Civic benefits

Consumer spending
2020 Goal: 60% of all Idahoans 25yrs-34yrs will hold a college degree or certificate

College Degrees 25-34 yr. olds

- Nationally
- Idaho
- 2020 goal
- Finland

- College Degrees 25-34 yr. olds
Unemployment STATS

College Increases Employment Potential

Unemployment Rate: 7.9%
(Average of all workers in 2009)

- Doctoral Degree: 2.5
- Professional Degree: 2.3
- Master’s Degree: 3.9
- Bachelor’s Degree: 5.2
- Associate Degree: 6.8
- Some College, No Degree: 8.6
- High School Graduate: 9.7
- Some High School: 14.6

2009 annual averages for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

GOAL 3

GEAR UP programs and services not only serve students, but also the educational needs of low-income families through academic and college counseling, parent involvement programs, and other activities that draw families into the educational process.
GEAR-UP+ Partners

- Financial Aid Night
- FAFSA Completion Night
- Scholarship Workshops College Application Night
- ACT & SAT Preparation
- Career Information Service
- After-school/lunch tutoring
- College representatives
This is what it’s all about!
CAREER INFORMATION SYSTEM

My career plan

WHERE: AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY
LIBRARIES can offer at NO COST

- CIS
- Learning Express Library
  - ACT & SAT preparation
  - College Student Preparation
  - GED testing
  - Practice tests of all sorts
- IT department does NOT block useful internet sites!!
- Online education (IDLA)
- Summer Reading STEM based programs
Parenting skills 6 week workshop
Starting 529 Savings Plan or savings account for college
Parenting for Academic Success in High-School and Beyond: Helicopter Parents
Space and Services
After-school programs?
Libraries can reach

- Parents of homeschooled
- Parents of HS
- Community

Awareness
STAFFING?

- NO-COST OPTIONS
- WRITING GRANTS (BIGGER PROJECTS)
- VOLUNTEERS
- PARTNER LOCALLY
STAR Discovery Bus

FREE

Summer Reading and STEM
7th and 8th STEM

FREE
Partners: University of Idaho-4H-Robotics and Library

FREE
Free program offered to Parents & Grandparents

Why?

Because you are 2X more likely to go to college if you have a savings acct.

You can also partner with Senior center to discuss the future success of students enrolling in college.

529 Savings Plans

What grandparent wouldn’t want their grandchild to have a college education?

FREE
21st Century Grant Dream

- After-school programs at the library
- STEM based activities - Legos
- STEM based Summer Reading program (science experiments)
SOLE (Selkirk Outdoor Leadership & Education)
Summer reading=activity based

- STEM based forensics
- Backyard experiments
- Rocket launching
- Table top experiments
- Arts & crafts
- All completed on donations or at little to no cost involved. Grocery store econ.
websites

www.youniversitytv.com

www.stemtosteam.org

www.collegeweeklive.com
FABULOUS RESOURCES

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- www.fastweb.com
- www.free.ed.gov
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- www.idahocis.org
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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND TUTORING

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