

## GEARING UP

# WEST VIRGINIA

The Fairmont State GEAR UP Partnership Grant will serve over 6,600 students and families in the following 14 West Virginia counties and schools\*:

### BARBOUR COUNTY

Belington Middle  
Kasson Middle  
Philippi Middle  
Philip Barbour HS Complex

### BRAXTON COUNTY

Braxton County Middle  
Braxton County High

### CALHOUN COUNTY

Calhoun County Middle/High

### DODDRIDGE COUNTY

Doddridge County Middle  
Doddridge County High

### GILMER COUNTY

Gilmer County High

### HARRISON COUNTY

Lumberport Middle  
Mountaineer Middle  
South Harrison Middle  
Washington Irving Middle  
Liberty High  
Lincoln High  
Robert C. Byrd High  
South Harrison High

### LEWIS COUNTY

Robert L. Bland Middle  
Lewis County High

### MARION COUNTY

Barrackville Middle  
Fairview Middle  
Mannington Middle  
Monongah Middle  
Rivesville Middle  
Fairmont Senior High  
North Marion High

### MONONGALIA COUNTY

Clay-Battelle Middle/High  
Westwood Middle  
University High

### PRESTON COUNTY

Bruceston School  
Central Preston Middle  
Rowlesburg School  
South Preston Middle  
Terra Alta/East Preston Middle  
West Preston Middle  
Preston High

### RANDOLPH COUNTY

Elkins Middle  
Harman School  
Pickens School  
Tygarts Valley Middle/High  
Elkins High

### TAYLOR COUNTY

Taylor County Middle  
Grafton High

### TUCKER COUNTY

Davis-Thomas Middle  
Tucker Valley Middle  
Tucker County High

### UPSHUR COUNTY

Buckhannon-Upshur Middle  
Buckhannon-Upshur High

\*The grant began in 2005 serving 6th and 7th grade students. The grant will follow this same cohort until they graduate high school as long as the grant is funded each year.

## GEAR UP PARTNERS

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RESA VII  
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# GEARUP

PARTNERSHIP

## FAIRMONT STATE

**Overview  
of  
Grant  
Services**

**G**aining  
**E**arly  
**A**wareness and  
**R**eadiness for  
**U**ndergraduate  
**P**rograms



*In 1999, Fairmont State was awarded a \$21 million GEAR UP partnership grant to serve 47 schools in nine WV counties for six years. In 2005, the partnership was continued with a new six-year grant, an additional \$31 million, and an expanded area which now includes 56 schools in 14 counties.*

**GEAR UP**, which stands for **G**aining **E**arly **A**wareness and **R**eadiness for **U**ndergraduate **P**rograms, is a federally-funded grant designed to:

Demonstrate the importance of **EDUCATION** in today's world.

Encourage all middle & high school students to set high educational and career **GOALS**.

Help students learn how to **PREPARE**, **ENTER**, and **SUCCEED** in college or other post-secondary training.

Provide parents with the **INFORMATION** and **RESOURCES** they need to stay involved in their students' education and to help them lay out plans for the **FUTURE**.

Provide teachers with the tools and training needed to raise both **ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS** and **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** in the classroom.

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# STUDENTS!

It's a fact: in order to survive in a highly competitive job market, students must seek education or training beyond high school. Therefore, students are encouraged to begin exploring ALL of their options early so that they can make informed decisions about their future. Fairmont State GEAR UP offers a variety of unique and creative programs to help students determine what those options are and which choices are best for them.

These programs include:

- Tutoring and Mentoring Programs
- After-School Enrichment Programs
- Educational/Cultural Field Trips
- College Campus Visits and Tours
- Computer Scholarships
- Career Exploration Opportunities
- Access to Hands-On Science and Technology
- ACT Prep Classes
- Leadership Experience
- Career Fairs
- Awards & Recognition Programs for Positive Reinforcement
- Specialized Summer Camps
- College Admissions Orientation

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# PARENTS & FAMILIES

Recognizing the power that parent and family involvement bring to the educational success of students, Fairmont State GEAR UP offers many opportunities for parents and families to become more involved in the education process. These opportunities include:

- **Free Monthly Workshops**  
Topics include Parenting Teenagers, Preparing Your Student for College, Applying for Financial Aid, Drug & Alcohol Prevention, Communicating with Your Teen, and much more.
- **Complimentary Tickets**  
Families can enjoy fine arts, cultural, educational, and athletic events on college campuses throughout West Virginia.
- **Free Community Education Classes**  
Take your computer skills to the next level: classes are held for beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.
- **Free Campus Bus Tours**  
Leave the driving to us as your family visits different campuses in the area.
- **Free Parent Leadership Trainings**  
Become a true partner in the education process and a parent-leader in your school and community.
- **Free Information and Resources**  
Be aware of all the events and timelines you and your student should follow closely.