

Spring 2005 – GEAR UP / PROJECT PREPARE PARENT SURVEY



Dear Parents,

As a student at Bellflower Middle/High School, your son or daughter is participating in the GEAR UP / Project PREPARE grant-funded program. Each year we are required to submit a report on the program's activities. This report must include results from a student and parent survey. Please answer the questions at the bottom of this page on the **Scantron** form provided. Use a #2 pencil. Your responses are anonymous (do not write your name on the form). We report only the number of responses to each answer choice in the questions.

The GEAR UP / PREPARE Program encourages students and parents to begin thinking and planning for college or university when the student is in middle school. Classes taken in middle school help students to be prepared to take courses in high school that will make them eligible to enroll in a college or university when they graduate.

GEAR UP grant funding enables the school to provide additional services and activities to help students academically. These include:

- Tutoring by college students, provided through our program partnership with California State University, Long Beach
- MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) classes
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) classes
- Additional class offerings during the day for students needing additional help to improve reading skills
- Field Trips
- Engineering Week and Marine Science Institute
- The Parent Institute for Quality Education (a nine-week series of workshops for parents)
- Individual counseling to improve academic achievement
- Professional development opportunities for teachers and other staff members
- Support of academic instruction through the purchase of supplementary materials, computers, library books, and more

Through the GEAR UP / PREPARE program we also want to provide students and parents with information that shows that college is more affordable than many realize. Over the last six years, each new group of seventh grade students was presented with a 21st Century Scholars Certificate. This document contains valuable information on the back regarding federal resources available to help pay for college. Enclosed is additional information about the affordability of college.

Please answer these four survey questions, bubbling in your answer on the Scantron:

1. Has anyone from your child's school ever spoken with you about college entrance requirements or the courses that your child will need to take in high school in order to prepare for college?
A. Yes B. No
2. Has anyone from your child's school ever spoken with you about the availability of financial aid to help you pay for college? **A. Yes B. No**
3. Have you talked with your child about attending college? **A. Yes B. No**
4. What is the highest level of education that you think your child will achieve?
A. High school or less
B. Some college but less than a 4-year degree
C. 4-year college degree or higher
5. Do you think that your child could afford to attend a public 4-year college using financial aid (including Work-Study), scholarships, and your family's resources?
A. Definitely B. Probably C. Not Sure D. Probably not E. Definitely not

Thank you for your cooperation!