

GEAR UP NEWSLETTER

Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Fall 2012



GEAR UP 2 Facts

What does GEAR UP stand for?

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.

The Program

The GEAR UP program is a federal discretionary grant program.

The Beneficiaries

The Aberdeen School district has received a partnership grant with the State Department of Education.

The cohort model of GEAR UP serves students in the classes of 2017 and 2018 (this year's 7th and 8th grade students) and follows them through their first year of postsecondary education.

The Goal

The goal of GEAR UP 2 Idaho is to provide comprehensive early intervention, and college access programs to selected Idaho students and their parents that will help them learn about, prepare for, and succeed in college.

Aberdeen GEAR UP 2 Upcoming Dates

January 9, 2013:	Health Fair (7 th grade)
January 29, 2013:	Explore Test (8 th grade)
February 12, 2013:	NAEP Test (8 th grade)
April 9, 2013:	College visit to ISU – parents welcome (7 th grade)
April 12, 2013:	College visit to CSI – parents welcome (8 th grade)

Middle School Students



YOU CAN GO TO COLLEGE. BUT YOU NEED TO PLAN NOW.

Aberdeen GEAR UP 2

THE ABERDEEN GEAR UP 2 MISSION

The mission of Aberdeen GEAR UP 2 is to significantly increase the number of students that are prepared to enter and succeed in a post-secondary education.

ABERDEEN GEAR UP 2 GOALS

1. Increase the academic performance of students;
2. Increase postsecondary preparation;
3. Increase graduation rates and postsecondary attendance rates;
4. Increase ability to plan for the future, set and accomplish goals;
5. Increase the knowledge of postsecondary options, preparation and financing; and
6. Increase family involvement in school.

GEAR UP2 PROVIDES:

- PLATO instructional software
- Afterschool tutoring
- Afterschool Lego League club
- Explore test for 8th grade students
- Financial literacy lessons – Financial Awareness in the Real World
- Career Information System program
- College campus visits for students (parents are also invited)
- Dependable Strengths instruction
- Individual secondary and post-secondary planning
- Parent STEM activity evening
- Health Fair
- Community service projects
- Teacher professional development