



GEAR UP New Mexico
Strengthening Relationships for Student Success

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What is GEAR UP New Mexico?

GEAR UP NEW MEXICO:

- Six-year grant (2006-2012) awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to increase the number of underserved students who graduate from high school prepared to complete the college or career program of their choice.
- \$3 million per year over 6 years (\$18 million)
- Cohort model of 5,300 students in 29 high schools and 22 school districts across the state graduating in 2012.

Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.



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GEAR UP New Mexico Goals

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
2. Increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
3. Increase GEAR UP students' and their families' knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation and financing.
4. To effect systemic change in the NM education system.



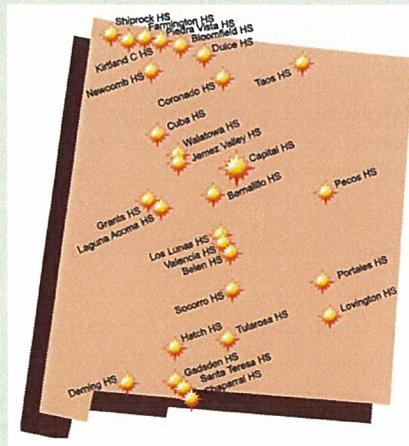
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GEAR UP NM American Indian Population

22% of GEAR UP Cohort American Indian.

Project serves 11 pueblos and two Indian Reservations.

Survey indicated 40% of GEAR UP students speak language other than English at home. (24% Spanish, 16% native languages.)





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GEAR UP New Mexico: Activities

School Activities are aligned with individual school needs and priorities. Site teams work closely with program staff to align activities with GUNM goals and objectives.

- College/Career Exploration
- Student Assemblies
- Student Leadership
- Parent Outreach
- Film Projects
- Professional Development
- GUNM Course
- Comprehensive Tutoring
- Comprehensive Mentoring
- Credit Recovery
- Statewide Workshops
 - Regional Workshops
 - Fall Summit
 - Spring Workshop



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GEAR UP New Mexico Successes in A.I. Schools

In schools with population of 85% or more American Indian Population:

- Higher Graduation Rates in GEAR UP NM Schools compared to Statewide Averages.
- Higher Promotion Rates from 10th to 11th grade compared to Statewide Averages.
- Higher Math & Reading Gains on NMSBA & Grade Level-Appropriate Math & English Classes.
- Higher Algebra Pass Rates than non-cohort in the same schools.



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Literacy at Cuba High School Vocabulary Packets

- Developed by 3 Navajo teachers/translators in school district.
- Approx. 1,000 English Words translated in Navajo.
- Distributed district-wide at all grade levels.
- Sustainable project.



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Parent Outreach at Central Consolidated Schools Parent Experience Pilot (PEP)

- Provides support by offering high-school and pre-college related information to assist parents in preparing their child for college as they become closer to graduation.
- Partnership with San Juan College
- Monthly meetings at each of the School Sites (Kirtland, Newcomb, Shiprock)
- Activities include ACT prep, Legislative Lottery Scholarship Information, resume building, and Native American scholarship resources.
- Parents are provided a binder to collect information.
- Total program cost: \$4,000



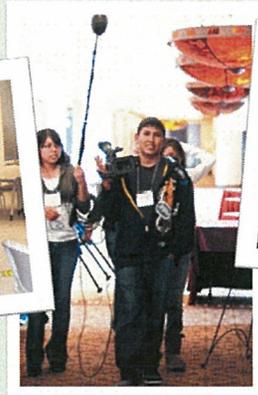


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Students of GEAR UP New Mexico



Dulce HS
Student Leadership
Peer Tutoring



Kirtland Central HS
Spring Workshop Film Project



Laguna Acoma HS
Student Leadership
Presentation Gang Violence



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