

WEST VIRGINIA GEARUP

ADMINISTERED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
UPDATES FOR 2021-2022

Who We Are

West Virginia GEAR UP is a federal grant program that assists students in "Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs".

The Commission's first GEAR UP project launched in 2008 and continued through the 2014-2015 academic year. During the fall of 2014, the Commission received its second GEAR UP grant. This grant served more than 15,000 students through the spring of 2021.

In September 2021, the Commission was granted a third award, which aims to serve more than 17,000 students across Boone, Clay, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Nicholas, Roane, Wayne, Webster and Wirt counties by 2028. In the current grant's first year, West Virginia GEAR UP served more than 5,100 students in the 7th and 12th grades.



WV GEAR UP'S AUDIENCE INCLUDES FIRST GENERATION AND LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS, EDUCATORS, COUNSELORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS

7,400

HOURS SPENT EXPLORING COLLEGE CAMPUSES



OVER 9,500 HOURS IN ADVISING, ACADEMIC PLANNING, AND COUNSELING

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

MENTORING SERVICES

9 COLLEGE CAMPUSES WITH TRANSITION COORDINATORS

SERVICES INCLUDE INDIVIDUALIZED SUCCESS ADVISING, COUNSELING AND CASE MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ACADEMIC SUPPORT, STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS, FAMILY EVENTS AND MORE

SUPPORTS STUDENTS' TRANSITION AND SUCCESS THROUGH THEIR FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE

CAREER, FINANCIAL, AND OTHER PERSONALIZED COUNSELING

1,336 STUDENTS FROM THE GEAR UP CLASS OF 2021 SERVED DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF POSTSECONDARY THROUGH THE TXT 4 SUCCESS COUNSELING PROGRAM

SERVING 7TH AND 12TH GRADERS DURING THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



87% OF GEAR UP STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST 1 ACTIVITY IN THE PROGRAM'S FIRST YEAR

2022 STEM BOOT CAMP



NEARLY 800 HOURS OF RIGOROUS STEM CURRICULA

350+

 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED

ACTIVITIES

20,000+

 HOURS SPENT PARTICIPATING IN LEARNING ACTIVITIES