

South Carolina GEAR UP

2011-2018



What is GEAR UP?

This discretionary grant program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides six-year or seven-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools. GEAR UP grantees serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school and first year of postsecondary education.

GEAR UP Objectives

The objectives of the GEAR UP Program are—(1) to increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education of participating students; (2) to increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education of participating students; and (3) to increase educational expectations for participating students and increase student and family knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing.

SC GEAR UP School & Partners



SC GEAR UP High Schools

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| 1. Edisto High | 12. Wilson High |
| 2. CE Murray High | 13. Kingstree Sr. High |
| 3. Colleton County High | 14. Lee Central High |
| 4. Creek Bridge High | 15. Loris High |
| 5. Darlington High | 16. Military Magnet High |
| 6. Dillon High | 17. Mullins High |
| 7. Estill High | 18. Battery Creek High |
| 8. Ridgeland-Hardeeville High | 19. Scott's Branch High |
| 9. St. Johns High | 20. Lamar High |
| 10. Hemingway High | 21. Woodland High |
| 11. Marion High | 22. Whale Branch Early College |

SC GEAR UP Partner Institutions Year 7

1. Central Carolina Technical College
2. College of Charleston
3. Florence-Darlington Technical College
4. Francis Marion University
5. Morris College
6. Allen University
7. Benedict College
8. Coker College
9. Claflin University
10. South Carolina State University
11. The Citadel
12. Clemson University
13. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
14. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
15. Technical College of the Lowcountry
16. USC- Salkehatchie
17. Voorhees College
18. Williamsburg Technical College

SCGU School Qualifications

50% or higher free/reduced lunch rate

75% poverty

30% did not meet on SC Ready ELA and Math

BY THE NUMBERS

3,007
STUDENTS

22
High Schools

15
SCHOOL
DISTRICTS

15
COUNTIES

7
YEARS



Mission:

To increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Services Provided:

- Business Partnerships
- Community Partnerships
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- College and Financial Aid Counseling
- Summer Programs for Students
- Professional Development for Teachers
- Curriculum Development
- College Application Days
- School Partnerships
- Dual Enrollment
- College Access Programs

Current GEAR UP Benchmarks and Performance Measures

<u>Performance Measure</u>	<u>Benchmark</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
The percentage of GEAR UP students who pass Pre-Algebra by the end of 8th grade.	40%	78%
The percentage of GEAR UP students who pass Algebra 1 by the end of 9th grade.	80%	81.3%
The percentage of GEAR UP students who take two years of mathematics beyond Algebra 1 by the 12th grade.	65%	93% (76.8% passed 3 beyond Alg. 1)
The percentage of GEAR UP students on track for graduation at the end of each grade.	65% annually	YR 1- 98% YR 2- 99% YR 3- 90% YR 4- 91% YR 5- 96%
The percentage of GEAR UP students who graduate from high school.	Target 65%	97%

Performance Measures Not Required in Current Grant but Required Moving Forward

<u>Performance Measure</u>	<u>Benchmark</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
The percentage of GEAR UP students on track to apply for college as measured by completion of the SAT or ACT by the end of 11th grade.	<i>*Not prior grant performance measure</i>	Assessed – 97% of students in cohort.
The percentage of GEAR UP students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.	<i>*Not prior grant performance measure</i>	61.75% (20% increase from class of 2016)

Looking Towards the 2018 GEAR UP Grant...

Prepare SC students for potential careers beginning in the 7th grade:

- Establish partnerships with local businesses and community leaders
- Prepare students to gain knowledge and skill sets to fill the workforce
- Bring local businesses and community leaders in to the schools to serve as mentors
- Local businesses and community leaders assist with classroom and guidance lessons as well as provide professional development to teacher teams
- Provide apprenticeships and internships during high school years

Looking Towards the 2018 GEAR UP Grant...

Better prepare students for postsecondary education beginning in the 7th grade by:

- Work in partnership with higher education institutions
- Introducing students and families to the concept of postsecondary education at the middle school and beyond
 - Begin researching postsecondary education options
 - Explore career options/interests and educational requirements
 - Provide financial literacy and introduce families to FAFSA
- Provide Dual Enrollment Programming to the high school students

Possible 2018 SC GEAR UP Schools

Barnwell School District 19

Orangeburg Consolidated School District 3

Orangeburg Consolidated School District 4

Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5

School District 2 of Bamberg County

Florence County School District 3

Sumter School District

Marlboro County School District

McCormick School District

Blackville-Hilda Middle School

Holly-Hill Middle School

Hunter-Kinard-Tyler Middle School

Clark Middle School/ Howard Middle School

Denmark-Olar Middle School

Ron McNair Junior High

Mayewood Middle School

Furman Middle School

McColl Middle School/Wallace Middle School/Blenheim Middle School

McCormick Middle School

Blackville-Hilda High School

Lake Marion High School

Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School

Orangeburg - Wilkerson High School

Denmark-Olar High School

Lake City High School

Crestwood High School

Lake Wood High School

Marlboro County High School

McCormick High School

Possible SC GEAR UP Partners

Cummins

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command
(SPAWAR)

Apprenticeship Carolina

Regional Workforce Advisors

Chambers of Commerce

Governor's School of Science and
Mathematics

Clemson University

First Steps

SC Colleges and Universities across the state

SC Commission on Higher Education

SC Historically Black Colleges and
Universities

AME Churches

First Citizens Bank

Enterprise Bank of South Carolina