



Opportunity Through Education

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TO: School District Superintendents
Curriculum Coordinators
High School Principals
High School Counselors

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: February 8, 2021

SUBJECT: GEAR UP/WDE Partnership

GEAR UP AND WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Wyoming school staff are encouraged to partner with GEAR UP Wyoming to support students in grades 7-12 to obtain a secondary school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and prepare students for post-secondary education. GEAR UP participants may be eligible for GEAR UP federal scholarships and Wyoming post-secondary institution scholarships allocated for Wyoming participants. GEAR UP currently has existing MOUs in place with the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) to obtain information on individual student eligibility, ACT and WY-TOPP scores, and demographic data used for federal reporting. Names, grade level, and school of students who may meet income eligibility requirements will be shared with GEAR UP to help identify students for participation.

More information on GEAR UP Wyoming is available on the [WDE](#) and [UW](#) websites.

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, or GEAR UP, is a federal grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education, and operated through the University of Wyoming in partnership with the WDE and all Wyoming community colleges. The current grant is funded through September 2024 and serves 2,000 participants annually.

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