

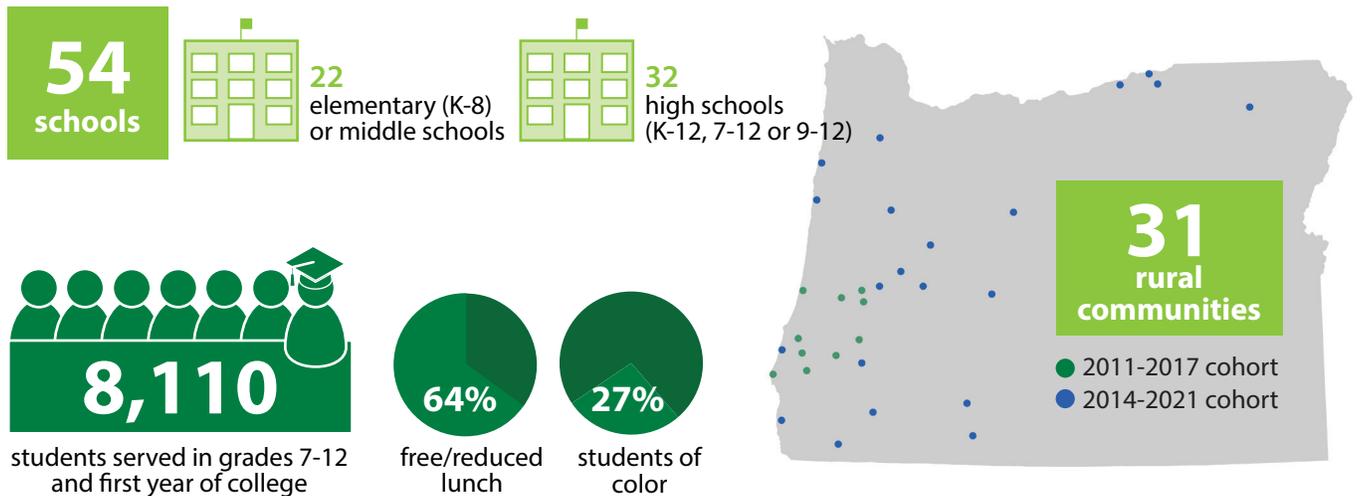
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Oregon GEAR UP Year in Review



Oregon GEAR UP, which stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, is a federally-funded program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in education after high school.

WHO WE SERVE



WHAT WE DO

Oregon GEAR UP helps schools prepare students for college and career by focusing on five key areas.



- REACHING HIGHER** Create a school culture with high expectations for all students.
- RIGOR** Prepare students academically and provide extra support.
- RELEVANCE** Explore career options and the education and training needed.
- RELATIONSHIPS** Build a strong, positive community of peers and adults.
- RAISING AWARENESS** Provide information about college and how to pay for it.

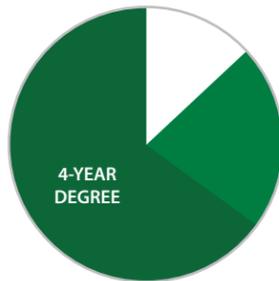
ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES

REACHING HIGHER

"GEAR UP has created a different culture in our school."

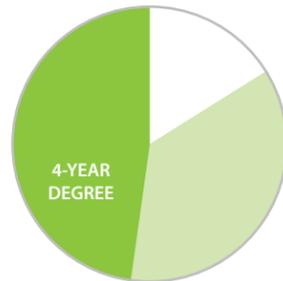
Matt Shorb, Superintendent/Principal, Powers High School

88% of students surveyed plan to complete some form of postsecondary education.



75% of those students plan to complete a 4-year degree or higher.

84% of educators surveyed believe their students will complete some form of postsecondary education.



58% of those educators believe that students will complete a 4-year degree or higher.



Billy Ann Stempel, Taft '15, WOU '19

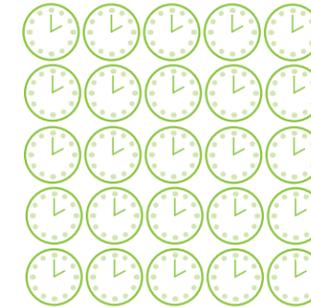
SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Seniors at Taft High School in Lincoln City celebrated their postsecondary plans at a schoolwide Signing Day assembly on May 1. In addition to receiving a pennant of their future school, students were honored for community service and the honor society.

RELEVANCE

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

7th graders at Seven Oak Middle School in Lebanon explored local manufacturing companies to learn about a wide variety of career opportunities, the degrees/certificates required for employment and average wages.



GEAR UP students received an average of 25 hours of counseling and advising on academic and career planning.

RELATIONSHIPS

Students say:

"all" or "most" of their closest friends are planning to go to college

63%

their teachers/counselors encourage them to take classes that keep them on track for college/career

72%

their parents encourage them to take classes that keep them on track for college/career

81%

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

During their winter break, La Pine High School alumni returned to share their advice about preparing for college with juniors and seniors. A huge success, the high school participants received firsthand information about what to focus on from their near peers.

RIGOR

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Driftwood Middle School and Pacific High School, serving the communities of Port Orford and Langlois, implemented a more rigorous math curriculum across all grades. Math teachers received professional development to better support students including a vertical alignment team with 5th-12th grade teachers, an administrator and a district math coach.

The instructional efforts paid off: 95% of students in grades 6-12 had a passing grade in their math class and high school test scores were above the state average.



75% of students surveyed believe their school provides challenging classes that will prepare them for college.



Educators received over 5,000 hours of professional development.

"Because of GEAR UP, students are more prepared to be successful in college."

Brian McCasline, Educator, South Lane School District

RAISING AWARENESS

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Myrtle Point Junior/Senior High School encouraged every student to visit a college campus; each grade explored a different campus so that by senior year students are exposed to 2-year and 4-year colleges near and far. Pre- and post-assessments confirmed that students increased their knowledge and awareness of postsecondary opportunities by as much as 76%.



"GEAR UP really helped me decide which college I wanted to go to."

Summer Gallaher, La Pine High School '14, University of Oregon '18



GEAR UP schools organized 76 campus visits to 25 different colleges.



75% of students have talked about college entrance requirements with someone from school or an adult at home.

PARTNERSHIPS

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Over 350 students participated in GEAR UP-sponsored summer programs including a Private College Week Camp in partnership with the Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges & Universities.



Thanks to our other summer program partners: OSU Precollege Programs, Seeds Training and FOCUS Training.

COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS



74 students earned a 5:1 match in Individual Development Accounts managed by CASA of Oregon and NeighborWorks Umpqua.

STATEWIDE INITIATIVES

COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK



Over 4,400 students submitted almost 6,000 applications during Oregon College Application Week.

"I really appreciated the time we were given during school to work on and get help with the applications."

Senior, Lowell High School



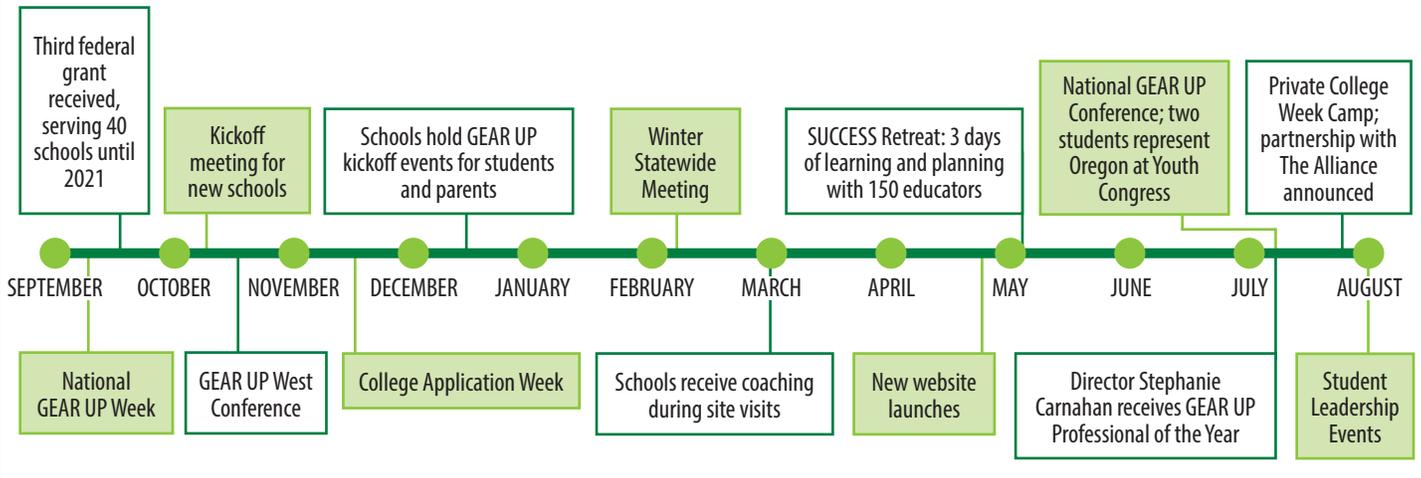
24 of 86 sites were GEAR UP schools

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