

GEAR UP Student Survey

INSTRUCTIONS & TIPS



OVERVIEW

The purpose of the GEAR UP Student Survey is to gauge students' knowledge, attitudes, and experiences in order to measure and increase the effectiveness of GEAR UP at your school and around the state. Please survey all students in grades 7-12. If easier and/or interested, you may survey students in grade 6 as well (schools serving 6th grade students as part of GEAR UP are required to administer the survey in grade 6).

Try to survey all students within the shortest survey window possible, for example over the course of 1 or 2 weeks. All surveying must be complete **by March 15, 2024**. The more GEAR UP students you are able to reach in the shortest amount of time, the more representative and informative your survey results will be. **The target minimum response rate for student surveys is 85%.**

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Online link to Student Survey (English and Spanish): <https://bit.ly/OregonGEARUPStudentSurvey>

QR Code:



Explaining surveys to students and teachers: The purpose of the GEAR UP Student Survey is to gauge the knowledge, attitudes, and experiences of students so that their schools are equipped with this information for planning and when making programmatic decisions. Please remind students that their answers are confidential and encourage them to answer thoughtfully and honestly to all questions on the survey. The reason we ask for their names and student IDs at the end of the survey is so we can track changes over time, but we will never report any information that could identify individual students. The aggregate results from these surveys will be available to each school following the survey administration window.

Abstaining from questions: The only required question on the online survey is School Name. If a student skips any question(s), they will be asked but not required to respond before continuing to the next page of the survey.

TIPS & STRATEGIES FOR MAXIMIZING RESPONSE RATE

- **Administer the survey during designated class periods or advisories:** This could be in homeroom, advisory period, a GEAR UP class, or a class required for the whole grade.
- **Make the survey an assignment,** part of an assignment, a requirement for a homeroom class or advisory, or administer in combination with other college or career awareness activities.
- **Make surveying a school-wide contest! Or offer an incentive for completing the survey.** Reward students with a small treat when they are done, such as a favorite snack or entry into a raffle. Alternatively, reward each class with a party if everyone in the class returns their surveys. Have a raffle with prizes for turning in a survey, or a competition at the school for whichever grade level or group of students gets the most surveys.
- **Explain to students the importance** of these surveys and share aggregate survey results with students. Remember that GEAR UP students will complete a survey every year.
- **Follow up:** Use a school roster or attendance list to make sure each student has had a chance to complete the survey - remind or follow up with students who have not. For those students who missed the survey, schedule time during lunch, or during class time with teacher approval. Please check this link for survey counts by school: You can check the student and educator survey counts by school here: <https://bit.ly/GEARUPsurveycounts>.