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### **Clark County School District GEAR UP Abstract**

The vision of the six-year GEAR UP grant is to advance the college going culture of schools located in economically disadvantaged communities. To accomplish this goal, GEAR UP will assure students are academically prepared for postsecondary education and have the financial and cultural resources to attend and graduate from college or university. Nevada State GEAR UP is a cohort model; fall of 2008 students matriculated from the nine original middle schools to nine comprehensive high schools: Basic, Chaparral, Del Sol, Desert Pines, Eldorado, Las Vegas, Legacy, Mojave, and Valley. Cohort members applied and were admitted to five academies: Advanced Technologies Academy, East Career and Technical Academy, Las Vegas Academy, Northwest Career and Technical Academy, and Southwest Career and Technical Academy. Additionally, students applied and were accepted into magnet programs based at three comprehensive high schools: Canyon Springs, Clark, and Rancho.

The GEAR UP program addresses college going expectations of teachers, administrators, and parents by increasing academic proficiency of students. Academic support is designed to increase proficiency in the areas of math, language arts, and science. GEAR UP provides tutoring in core academic areas and encourages all students to enroll in rigorous course work. GEAR UP services include counseling and advising to assure students understand the correlation between high school classes and postsecondary opportunities. Specific activities explore various career interests. Parent events focus on academic achievement and "college knowledge," the process of applying to postsecondary institutions and navigating the financial aid process. GEAR UP students visit Nevada System of Higher Education campuses to gain familiarity with college offerings and opportunities. Professional development on GEAR UP campuses targets explicit, identified needs outlined in individual School Improvement Plans.