



Name of Project:	Clark County School District
Name of Schools:	Advanced Technologies Academy East Career and Technical Academy Las Vegas Academy Northwest Career and Technical Academy Southeast Career and Technical
Academy	
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Number of Students in FY09:	563

Clark County School District GEAR UP Abstract (Academies)

Five academies serve 563 GEAR UP students who applied and were accepted into academic programs based on interests and aptitudes or career clusters and pathways. The GEAR UP goal of competency is embedded in the strong academic foundations necessary to master highly technical coursework. Systemic change is supported by the smaller learning communities associated with particular career pathways. An emphasis on preparing students for both academic and workplace choices after high school graduation coincides with the GEAR UP goal of access to postsecondary education for all students.

GEAR UP focuses on academic support networks. Guest speakers from particular fields provide firsthand knowledge of workplace expectations. Financial literacy emphasizes earning power and opportunities to pursue interests and aptitudes in postsecondary settings. Students will visit Nevada System of Higher Education campuses that offer programs in areas of interest. GEAR UP will provide parent activities that bolster campus programs.

Feeder Middle Schools: Cannon, Courtney, Findlay, Fremont, Keller, Knudson, O'Callaghan, Robison, and Woodbury.

Dr. Dawn Burns, GEAR UP Coordinator, will provide program oversight.