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Gabbs High School (GHS) GEAR UP Abstract

Gabbs High School will have five GEAR UP participants to start off the school year. Gabbs' diversity demographic is: 35% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 5.0% Hispanic and 60% Caucasian. Sixty three percent of students at Gabbs participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch program.

Gabbs is the smallest of Nye County's participating schools but its GEAR UP program has been very active. The transition from middle school to high school will be very easy here. The same teacher, well trained in GEAR UP methodology, will be continuing on with the GEAR UP students. A teacher's aide will assist with the class and data entry into the GEAR UP website. All students have an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) in place. A counselor, based in Tonopah, will make regular trips to Gabbs to meet with students and make sure that goals and progress are being made. The district is also very responsive to any requests or problems that this remote school might have.

Gabbs High School will host a GEAR UP orientation meeting at the beginning of the school year to inform students and parents of any changes and answer any questions. During this orientation, parents will be signing the GEAR UP agreements for the coming school year. In addition, the school plans to host parent nights monthly to keep them up to date on GEAR UP, the progress of their children and upcoming events.

In the past, Gabbs GEAR UP students, normally in conjunction with GEAR UPs Esmeralda County students, have visited the Fallon Naval Air Station and Edwards Air Force Base. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to talk to pilots and other military personnel. The school hopes to be able to arrange a similar trip this year. Students have also visited Western Nevada Community College in Carson City. This upcoming year, plans are to visit the University of Nevada Reno and Truckee Meadows Community College. Other activities planned are attending the college and career fair in Tonopah again and visiting local businesses to learn more about career opportunities in those areas. Last year Gabbs hosted its own very successful career fair and plans to do it again during this coming school year. Gabbs GEAR UP students will continue being involved with a variety of community projects. The GEAR UP students will also attempt, through fundraisers, to raise enough money to travel to Hawaii as the students from Tonopah did last year.