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### **McDermitt Combined School (MCS) GEAR UP Abstract**

The McDermitt Combined School (MCS) cohort includes 18 students consisting of ten boys and four girls of whom nine are Native American, three are Hispanic and two are Caucasian. Ninety-two percent qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch. Academically, based on the student's eighth Grade CRT Examinations, 46% are now proficient in math and 53% in reading. Thirty percent of the cohort was termed proficient in the eighth grade writing examination, although 77% scored higher than a 10.5. Two students qualify for English as a Second Language (ESL) services and two students qualify for Special Education Services

Services provided to the students and staff strongly support Nevada's three goals and include in school and afterschool tutoring, college visitation, extensive career and personal exploration and targeted intervention in reading and math. The counseling department supports student success through career portfolio profiling with individual and small group interaction. The GEAR UP advisor will work with students and their parents to provide student learning plans based on the needs of each individual student. Parents are targeted for intervention through the *Parents Who Care* curriculum; a seven week program that will provide awareness in drug and alcohol use/abuse.

The teaching staff, as a professional learning community (PLC), will select professional development in reading, writing or math based on the needs of this cohort. Our goal is to increase basic academic skills that will provide the foundation for students to successfully complete high school and pass all proficiency testing so as to ensure success at the postsecondary level. As a component of the PLC, students will be provided with the academic and social skills necessary to be successful. MCS will also raise the awareness level of students and parents to postsecondary options and financing.

Each student is also provided a laptop computer purchased in the 2007-2008 school year with GEAR UP funds.