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### **Mineral County School District (MCSD) GEAR UP Abstract**

Mineral County School District (MCSD) GEAR UP program is designed to provide students and staff with experiences to increase overall student achievement. The GEAR UP program will focus on transition from middle school to high school, parental involvement, academic skill building, student activities and professional development. MCSD, Yerington High School and Walker River Paiute Tribal Board of Education will collaborate to achieve these goals.

The freshman class consists of the following: 18 females, 14 males, 14 qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch, 25 Caucasian, four African American, two Hispanic and one Native American.

Mineral County High School freshmen will have a senior buddy to assist them throughout the year. High school and junior high teachers will transition students into high school. Tutors will be available through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School program. The counselor, Corrie Brewer, and GEAR UP coordinator, Darryl Odom, will assist students with Career Cruising™ and Individual Learning Plans (ILP).

Western Nevada College (WNC) has an office and class rooms in the high school. MCSD has an articulated agreement with WNC and dual credit courses are available. A field trip is scheduled to one of the colleges in northern Nevada. Alumni speakers will give presentations on their careers and college experiences.

College Pre Night will have representatives from University of Nevada Reno, WNC, Truckee Meadows Community College and Great Basin College give presentations on: scholarships, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms, student loans, programs, campus life and organizations. There will be financial workshops for parents and students. An incentive program will be in place to encourage parent and student participation.

The ACT EXPLORE will be administered to all GEAR UP students this school year and results will be communicated to students and parents.