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Pahrump Valley High School (PVHS) GEAR UP Abstract

Pahrump Valley High School (PVHS) will have 400 ninth graders participating in the GEAR UP program during the 2008-2009 school year, articulating from Rosemary Clark Middle School. This, by far, is the largest student body in GEAR UP in the Nye County School District. The diversity demographic for Pahrump is: 2.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 3.1% Asian/Pacific Islander, 19.5% Hispanic, 4.6% African American and 70.7% Caucasian. For the Free and Reduced Lunch program, 42.2% of the students participate.

The GEAR UP coordinator/counselor and eight tutors will be working with the students. Because of the volume of students, this is necessary to assure that all students are getting the assistance needed to get the most out of the GEAR UP experience. The school counselors and administrators have been provided an orientation to GEAR UP and will meet with the incoming ninth grade students to go over their Individual Learning Plans (ILP). They will also monitor student progress towards their postsecondary goals to assure that needed classes are being taken. A GEAR UP orientation meeting will take place before the school year to provide parents and students the opportunity to learn more about the program, ask questions and complete the GEAR UP program agreements. During the school year, additional parent/student/teacher conferences will be held with counselors. Also, evening meetings with all parents invited will be held to address questions, issues or additions to the program.

The ninth grade students have been very active in GEAR UP activities. Students visited the Community College of Southern Nevada in North Las Vegas during middle school. GEAR UP students will be participating in a college visit to UNLV this upcoming school year. Students will also participate in the Pahrump Valley High School career fair. Students will have the opportunity to visit local businesses to job shadow and understand different career opportunities that are available in the local area.