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Yerington High School (YHS) GEAR UP Abstract

The Yerington High School (YHS) GEAR UP program for the 2008-2009 school year will focus on a smooth, successful transition to the high school environment for our incoming freshman students. Additionally, academic achievement, college preparation, career awareness and parental involvement will be other major areas of concentration for the current school year.

A portion of the incoming freshman class at Yerington High School has been selected to participate in the GEAR UP program, in addition to the original cohort group transferring from Schurz Elementary. This year's freshman GEAR UP student population will be approaching thirty students, which is approximately 25% of the entire freshman class. Of the original cohort group, nine of the ten students from Schurz Elementary chose to attend Yerington High School. The student population demographics for this year are: 38.7% Native American, which come from two Indian reservations, the Walker River Paiute Tribe in Schurz and the Yerington Paiute Tribe, 22.6% Hispanic and 38.7% Caucasian. Seventy percent of the GEAR UP students qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program. There are 16 females and 15 males.

The transition from middle school to high school is a major priority at YHS. The Link Crew program assists incoming freshmen with a specific transitional plan to start off their high school careers. This freshman mentor program pairs up incoming freshman with junior and senior Link Crew leaders. Counselors and school staff are also available to give support during this transitional period.

Students will have access to tutoring available after school through the Yerington Paiute Tribe, Walker River Paiute Tribe and/or the Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley. Lyon County School District is currently working to solidify an Alternative Education program that would target students needing credit retrieval/recovery or choosing credit advancement. This program would incorporate curriculum from "A Plus" Learning. Pretest preparation for the High School Proficiency Exams (HSPEs) is performed by the math, English and science departments. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing results are used as an indicator as to how the students will perform on the HSPEs. YHS also provides the required remedial coursework for non-proficient students.

Student Education Plans (SEP) will be developed with each freshman student utilizing the Career Cruising™ program. Career awareness and college preparation will be provided, not only through Career Cruising™, but also through field trips to local colleges and universities and participation in Western Nevada College's (WNC) "Bridge to Success" campus visits. Parental involvement and participation will be encouraged at all student activities and special events, as well as, at specific parent meetings.