



State Council of  
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# GEAR UP Virginia

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# What does GEAR UP stand for?

- **G**aining
- **E**arly
- **A**wareness &
- **R**eadiness for
- **U**ndergraduate
- **P**rograms

# GEAR UP Virginia

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- Has three goals:
  1. improve academic preparation,
  2. provide students and families with information about college preparation and financial aid, and
  3. ensure that students have access to scholarship funds.

# Services

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- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Career Counseling
- Motivational Speakers
- Workshops
- Standardized test preparation
- Financial aid programs for parents and students
- Professional development for teachers and administrators

# Personnel Resources

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GEAR UP's far-reaching network consists of

- SCHEV staff
  - 6 central staff
  - 3 regional managers
- In local school divisions
  - 40 school coordinators
  - 35 data coordinators
  - 41 fiscal coordinators
  - 35 career coaches
  - And others who dedicate their time, including principals, deans, school counselors, teachers, parents and more.

# GEAR UP Virginia Partners

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- Colleges and universities, corporate, and community partners
- Partnerships have provided students from the GEAR UP cohort access to speakers, leadership training, summer enrichment programs, and career and educational materials.

# GEAR UP Virginia – Comparing 2 grants

## 2006 – 2012 grant

- \$18 million grant
  - \$9 million to scholarship
- Over 6 years
- 4,000 students
- 25 school divisions
- 36 high schools

## 2012 – 2019 grant application

- \$32 million grant
  - \$16 million to scholarship
- Over 7 years
- 7,600 students
- 25 school divisions
- 53 middle schools



# GEAR UP Virginia – Comparing 2 grants

**2006 – 2012 grant**



**2012 – 2019 grant application**





# Quotes from Superintendents

- **Dr. Amy Griffin, Cumberland County Public Schools** - The GEAR UP grant has afforded the Class of 2012 the opportunity to go on many field trips to see colleges ... These trips would not have been possible without the funding of the GEAR UP grant.
- **Dr. Rebecca Lowry, Westmoreland County Public Schools** - The GEAR UP program established 7 years ago has motivated our students ... This is the highest portion of graduating students who have applied to 4-year colleges that we have ever had. All of this success can be directly attributed to the GEAR UP program.
- **Dr. Melody Hackney, Charlotte County Public Schools** - We attribute the opportunities GEAR UP provided for this class as playing a large part of their academic success ... it's important to state we have not had a single member of this Class of 2012 drop out of school.

# Telling our story

We asked 3,686 GEAR UP Virginia students:



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