



GEAR UP NEWS

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FOR 7th AND 8th GRADE FAMILIES

Hello GEAR UP Families!

Happy New Year!

We have a lot of exciting opportunities planned for our students for the rest of the school year, including field trips, career exploration opportunities, and school-wide activities. Please take a look at the calendar of upcoming events to keep up to date.

Our afterschool tutoring sessions are underway, so if your student is looking for some help with a subject, or simply needs a quiet place to get some homework done, please have them come to the multipurpose room after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions!

Thank you!
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GEAR UP!

Our Mission Statement:

GEAR UP believes every student in South King County should have access to higher education. Through GEAR UP, every student will have opportunities to participate in support programs during and after school, college and career exploration, and family engagement activities. Our GEAR UP staff will help each student develop a plan for after high school and hold them accountable to that plan.

We are here to provide you the tools and resources to overcome the obstacles to pursuing opportunities after high school.

You are here because you believe in your future and want to take advantage of every opportunity to make you successful with your goals for after high school.

Myth Buster

MYTH: You can't apply for scholarships until senior year in high school.

REALITY: Wrong! If you wait until senior year to start searching and applying for scholarships, you're already three years behind the curve.

Many scholarships are actually open to students 13 years and older (and some even younger!). For example, students need to apply for the College Bound Scholarship before the end of 8th grade.

When it comes to scholarships, there's only one thing you really need to remember – the more often you apply, the more chances you have to win.

Check out theWashBoard.org. It matches Washington students with scholarships!



Upcoming Events & Announcements

- Jan. 29th: AVID CLASS Family Field Trip to UW
- Mar. 4th: GEAR UP Family Night at Dimmitt M.S., 6pm

GEAR UP Family Night – held on November 6th

Our GEAR UP Family Night presentation was an information session on the **College Bound Scholarship**, as well as additional information on planning for financial aid for college in the future. If you were unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation can be accessed through this link:

https://rentonschools-my.sharepoint.com/:p/g/person/hchau1_rentonschools_us/EYGMy2hUhqIBsxOvsjkFAzEB6hjwwVJhyusCV-9mADRYkA?e=Uvaat2

What we provide for you:

- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) classes
- Campus visits (UW, UPS, Bellevue, Renton Tech)
- Career and worksite visits
- Tutoring and academic workshops
- Workshops for students and parents on financial literacy and post-secondary planning
- Leadership, career and summer activities

