

SCHOOLS BEING SERVED

- Potter Junior High
- Valley Center Middle School
- Pauma School
- Rancho Minerva Middle School
- Vista Innovation & Design Academy
- Fallbrook High School
- Valley Center High School
- Vista High School
- Rancho Buena Vista High School

**SERVING 2,078
STUDENTS IN 2018-2019**

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THE PALOMAR COLLEGE
GEAR UP
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

RURAL AND RESERVATION GRANT

Helping Students Gain Early
Awareness and Readiness for
Undergraduate Programs

WHAT IS GEAR UP?

GEAR UP is a grant-funded student program offered through Palomar College and partnering at 13 local schools within the Fallbrook Elementary Union, Fallbrook High, Vista Unified, and Valley Center-Pauma Unified school districts. **GEAR UP** offers college readiness and outreach services to the graduating classes of 2022 and 2023. **GEAR UP** works to support students in preparation to attend post-secondary schools, particularly for at-risk, low-income, and first generation college-bound students. **GEAR UP** is a matching and proven United States Department of Education grant that puts federal tax dollars, in collaboration with business partners, back into our educational system.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Increase academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education.
2. Increase high school graduation and participation in post-secondary education.
3. Increase GEAR UP students' and their families' knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation, and financing.



SERVICES

COLLEGE VISITS

GEAR UP provides opportunities for students to interact with university leadership groups and academic programs within and outside of the San Diego region.

TUTORING

In-class tutoring provides homework help and cultivates study skills within students.

P.E.A.S.

P.E.A.S. are Programs, Events, Activities, and Services that GEAR UP provides for their students.



FAQS

WHO IS IN GEAR UP?

GEAR UP works with the graduating high school classes of 2022 and 2023 within local, partner schools.

IS THERE AN APPLICATION?

No. If you are a student attending one of the local, partner schools and are in the graduating class of either 2022 or 2023, *congratulations*, you are already a **GEAR UP Student!**

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

GEAR UP is 100% **FREE** for participating students! Funding for the program comes from grants given by the Department of Education and from **GEAR UP** business partners.

30% of GEAR UP Students are Considered English Language Learners

75% of GEAR UP Students Served are of Hispanic Descent

87% of GEAR UP Students Took the PSAT in 2017 (from the 2011-2018 grant)