



Subgrantee: Clark County School District
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**Chaparral Empowerment High School
GEAR UP Abstract 2010-2011**

Chaparral is a comprehensive empowerment high school serving approximately 2,500 students: 52% male, 48% female. The diverse population includes 16% African American, 7% Asian/Pacific Islander, 47% Hispanic, 1% Native American, and 28% Caucasian. Additionally, 14% of the population is identified as LEP, 14% IEP, and 42% as Free or Reduced Lunch program. Chaparral is home to smaller learning communities that include a Ninth Grade Academy and three themed academies for upper classman with particular career pathway interests. Students are enrolled in the 21st Century Course of Study that emphasizes academic excellence and postsecondary employment opportunities. The block schedule allows students numerous opportunities to explore particular interests.

Chaparral Empowerment High School improvement goals include increasing the number of proficient students in math and in English language arts as determined by the AYP benchmarks. To meet this goal, Chaparral provides many opportunities for mastery, including before and after school assistance and Saturday classes. The master schedule includes honors and AP courses (GEAR UP funds will be used to assure GEAR UP students take the AP tests); students enrolled in the industrial and vocational courses follow a federally approved Program of Study that culminates with an articulated college course and/or industry certification.

Chaparral's emphasis is on promoting college awareness through college fairs, monthly visits by NSHE representatives and campus tours. Parental involvement will be encouraged through *Parentlink* and invitations to parent night activities that provide information about GEAR UP, AP and financial aid resources.

Chaparral will utilize GEAR UP funding to assist students to be better prepared to pass the NHSPE exams. In addition, Chaparral will focus on providing the academic support necessary to meet all requirements for NSHE institutions. These will include: providing opportunities to increase grade point average, enrolling students in advanced placement classes, and encouraging their participation in the ACT and PSAT exams. These efforts will be supported by reducing class size, tutoring, and credit retrieval opportunities.

Kevin McPartlin, Principal, will provide program oversight.