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**GEAR UP Abstract 2010-2011**

Clark County School District supports the vision of the six-year GEAR UP program to change the culture of schools so that students are prepared academically and have the resources to attend and succeed in college. The 3,221 GEAR UP students are enrolled in ten comprehensive high schools: Basic, Chaparral, Del Sol, Desert Pines, Eldorado, Las Vegas, Legacy, Mojave, Sunrise Mountain, and Valley. Additionally, members of the cohort are enrolled in magnet programs at Canyon Springs, Rancho, and Clark high schools and the following schools of choice: Advanced Technologies Academy, East Career & Technical Academy, Las Vegas Academy, Northwest Career & Technical Academy, Southeast Career & Technical Academy, and Veterans Tribute Career & Technical Academy. Demographic information by category is: less than 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 15% African American, 6% Asian/Pacific Islander, 58% Hispanic and 20% Caucasian.

Nevada State GEAR UP provides assistance to the identified school sites through implementation of their school-wide improvement plans that address increasing student achievement and postsecondary preparation. Over the past four years, GEAR UP resources have provided after-school homework help sessions, Saturday school and tutoring, standardized assessments preparation and funding (AP tests, ACT or PSAT), summer school courses, mentorship programs and activities, and visits to higher education campuses. Funds provide supplemental technology and other materials to enhance instruction.

As the cohort enters year five, students will be provided support to increase proficiency in writing to assure success on that portion of the NHSPE, given for the first time in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Additionally, services will focus on keeping students on track to graduation. Counseling and advising will emphasize choices made for the five-year Academic Plan; access to tutoring, mentoring, and enrollment in rigorous course work through honors and Advanced Placement classes will continue. Some campuses will continue AVID. Students will become familiar with college programs and courses through field trips to NSHE institutions. Parent nights will accentuate college readiness through program agendas that lay foundations of understanding by explaining high school transcripts, graduation requirements, the college admission process, and application for financial aid. GEAR UP partner financial institutions will present financial literacy programs for both parents and students. Staff development will support specific needs identified in the individual School Improvement Plans and promote best practices from college preparation research.

Dawn Burns, Coordinator IV, will provide program oversight.