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### **Hug High School GEAR UP Abstract**

Hug High School will be in its fifth year of the GEAR UP Program, which originally started at Traner Middle School. This year's cohort of students is now in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Current demographic data available on Hug is as follows: 1.8% American Indian; 10.5% Asian; 57.3% Hispanic; 9.4% Black; and 21% White. There are 14.8% LEP, 17.1% IEP, and 63.1% of the school's population is on the Free or Reduced Lunch Program (Nevada Accountability Report, 2008-2009).

Hug's GEAR UP Program will continue to provide a system of mentoring, advising and counseling for all GEAR UP students throughout the school year. GEAR UP students are participating in the ASCENT mentoring program, which pairs college-bound students with a community role model with the goal of guiding them toward their dream of college. The support structure involves monthly communication between the mentor and student to discuss college-going topics and to participate in events on the college campus of University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). Now that GEAR UP students are upperclassmen, they will be working on scholarship and college application essays in English class. Additionally, the GEAR UP cohort will meet with their counselor to make sure they have the necessary credits to attend college. In addition to ongoing mentoring, GEAR UP students will update their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) to ensure they are on track to graduate and pursue appropriate post-secondary education.

This year's cohort, as juniors, will be taking the Nevada High School Proficiency Exam and the ACT. At Hug, there are built-in support classes for students to spend extra time gaining the skills necessary to pass these tests. GEAR UP students can receive free tutoring from the Boys and Girls Club. Also, Wells Fargo Scholars will be available throughout the school year to help students struggling in core subject areas. GEAR UP students will be invited to attend career and college campus visits, which may include the UNR, Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), Western Nevada College (WNC), plus visit other career-related community organizations.