



<b>Subgrantee</b>	<b>Clark County School District</b>
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**Mojave High School  
GEAR UP Abstract 2010-2011**

Mojave High School serves approximately 2,200 students: 51.4% male, 48.6% female. The diverse population includes 33.6% African American, 6.6% Asian Pacific Islander, 41.7% Hispanic, 0.5% Native American, and 17.6% Caucasian. Additionally, 13.2% of the population is identified as LEP, 13.4% have IEPs, and 44.8% qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch program.

Mojave is a comprehensive high school with an emphasis on preparing students to fully participate in the global economic and cultural world. AVID strategies of writing, inquiry, collaboration and reading (WIC-R) and Cornell notes are embedded across the curriculum. All students are encouraged to enroll in rigorous courses with both academic and career/technical choices available to meet the interests of every student. Enrollment in honors and AP classes (GEAR UP resources will fund AP tests for cohort members) are encouraged. Common barriers such as “challenge contracts”, testing requirements, and teacher recommendations are not allowed to hinder any student from taking challenging classes. Career/technical students follow a Program of Study that culminates with an articulated college course and/or industry certification. Students’ mastery of the core subjects is supported with after-school tutoring and Saturday classes. Those cohort members who meet established benchmarks will take the PSAT or ACT.

College access is supported by assigning a GEAR UP counselor to assist each student in monitoring and updating individual Academic Plans. Field trips to NSHE institutions reinforce class work and counseling activities by familiarizing students with college campuses. A college night will bring representatives from NSHE campuses to speak with parents and students about admissions and financial aid policies.

Parent involvement includes one parent night per quarter and consistent communication with parents through *Parentlink*.

Charity Varnado, Principal, will provide program oversight.