



<b>Subgrantee:</b>	<b>Clark County School District</b>
<b>Name of School:</b>	<b>Northwest Career &amp; Technical Academy</b>
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<b>Number of Students in FY11</b>	<b>42</b>

**Northwest Career and Technical Academy  
GEAR UP Abstract 2010-2011**

The Northwest Career and Technical Academy serves approximately 1,700 students: 41.4% male and 58.6% female. The diverse population includes 13% African American, 12.7% Asian/Pacific Islander, 24.2% Hispanic, 0.7% Native American and 49.4% Caucasian. Additionally, 3% of the population is identified as LEP, 3% IEP and 21.7% as Free or Reduced Lunch.

NWCTA serves 42 GEAR UP students who applied and were accepted into academic programs based on interests and aptitudes or career clusters and pathways. NWCTA offers programs of study in construction management, engineering and design, hospitality, medical professions, transportation, teacher education, early childhood education, culinary, and media communications. Each of these clusters is considered a small learning community based on a Program of Study that is a defined sequence of connected classes culminating with an articulated college course and/or industry certification. Additionally, all core subjects follow 21<sup>st</sup> Century Course of Study expectations to assure every student is prepared for both college and the world of work. Students are encouraged to enroll in honors and AP courses; GEAR UP funds will be used for AP testing and the PSAT or ACT for students who meet established benchmarks

GEAR UP focuses on academic support networks. All students have access to after school tutorial support. GEAR UP emphasizes financial literacy to increase earning power and understanding of the financial resources available to pursue interests and aptitudes in postsecondary settings. Students will visit NSHE campuses that offer programs in areas of interest.

GEAR UP will provide parent activities that bolster campus programs. *ParentLink* enables parents to access student grades and monitor progress from any computer. Parent events will highlight both academic and financial preparation for post-secondary opportunities.

Frank Pesce III, Principal, will provide program oversight.