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### **Owyhee Combined School GEAR UP Abstract**

Owyhee Combined School (OCS) is located on the Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Indian Reservation, on the Nevada and Idaho border. A total of twenty students are in the current cohort. According to the most recently published statistics on the Nevada Accountability Report, 81.86% of Owyhee school students are eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch Program. Almost 95% of students enrolled are Native American. According to the Nevada Annual Accountability Report, Owyhee had a graduation rate of 61.5% as compared to an overall 84.9% district rate and a 66.8% state rate. We wish to keep our cohort intact with a high completion rate and successful transition to post-secondary education.

As 11<sup>th</sup> graders, all activities will be aligned with Year 5 Timeline and Priorities to include an update of their learning plans and the delivery of tutoring or summer school. GEAR UP students will continue to be exposed to college and career options and will take the ACT or SAT tests. Progress monitoring and feedback will continue and parental involvement activities will be developed to address educational resources and financial/scholarship education.

We will hold at least two parent gatherings in the 10-11 school year. Parents will be informed of GEAR UP goals and objectives for the year, and their support will be encouraged. We also plan to invite Native American motivational speakers to encourage our students to be successful.

Boise State University's TRIO program is one that supplements GEAR UP activities. The TRIO program funds a full-time certified teacher who teaches teen success, two study skills classes, provides tutoring services, and serves as a parent outreach. The program has been a tremendous partner for the GEAR UP grant and cohort group.