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Wooster High School GEAR UP Abstract

Wooster High School (WHS) will be in its fifth year of the GEAR UP Program which originally started at Vaughn Middle School. This year's cohort are now juniors, or in the 11th grade. Current Wooster demographic data available is as follows: **2.8% American Indian; 9.7% Asian/Pacific Islander; 49.7% Hispanic/Latino; 3.3% Black and 34.5% White. There are 14% LEP, 10.7% IEP and 35.3% of Wooster's student population is on the Free or Reduced Lunch Program** (Nevada Accountability Report, 2008-09).

The Wooster GEAR UP Program will continue to provide a system of mentoring, advising and counseling for GEAR UP students through the school year. Wooster will also continue to offer Extended Learning Time (ELT) on block-scheduled days, as well as the Tutoring Program after school, for students to get extra help in their core classes. GEAR Up students will continue to learn about different college and career choices and begin narrowing down their college choices through the Career Cruising™ Program, take field trips to local colleges, participate in youth leadership summits, and in Wooster's College and Job Fairs. Students will also update their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) with the help of the GEAR UP Program Counselor and school counselors to ensure they are on track to graduate on time and to keep their eligibility for the GEAR UP Scholarship.

Students will take the writing portion of the Nevada High School Proficiency Exams (NHSPE) as well as the reading, math and science sections if they did not pass them in their sophomore year. In addition, they will take the ACT and/or SAT, and if applicable, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.

Lastly, parents/guardians and their student will have the opportunity to learn about financial literacy and the financial aid available for higher education by attending meetings/workshops in partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), and Wells Fargo Bank.