



## **Mineral County School District GEAR UP Abstract 2019-2020**

**Name of Project:** Hawthorne Junior High School GEAR UP

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Mineral County School District will target 81 students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. All 81 students will attend Hawthorne Junior High School at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. The cohort includes 35 females and 46 male students with a demographic profile of 3 African American, 11 Hispanic, 3 American Indian, 1 Asian, 25 Caucasian, and 7 students of two or more races. Hawthorne Junior High School is a CEP-designated school with 100% eligibility for Free or Reduced Priced Lunches.

The 2019-2020 academic year will be a transitional year for Hawthorne Junior High School. The academic year will conclude with a GEAR UP Student/Parent Involvement Facilitator to begin the process of implementing the new GEAR UP project. The posting for the GEAR UP Specialist will occur by the end of June 2020.

GEAR UP activities promote healthier relationships between students, staff, and parents as we strive to improve increased student achievement along with career and college readiness. Parental engagement is recognized as crucial to student success. The intention of the HJHS GEAR UP project is to recruit and hire a GEAR UP Specialist capable of addressing the academic and social-emotional needs of the students to remove barriers to higher education.