

GEAR UP Kentucky

A Year in the Life

2019-2020

Covington Independent School District

Our Mission

To increase the number of students in low-income Kentucky communities who are ready to successfully transition to and through postsecondary education.

We do this by providing services and support to prepare the whole student, and equipping their families, institutions, and communities to promote and sustain student success.

Our Vision

Every student prepared for postsecondary success.

In Your District

During 2019-20, GEAR UP Kentucky provided services to **229 7th graders** & **117 12th graders** in the Covington Independent



346

students served

66% 7th

34% 12th



2,147

hours, students served

78% 7th

23% 12th



1,483

hours of curriculum provided

90% 7th

10% 12th



427

hours of advising provided

73% 7th

27% 12th



46

students participated in **campus visits**

13% Middle

87% High

166

campus visit participation hours

22% Middle

78% High

About GEAR UP Kentucky: GEAR UP, which stands for **G**aining **E**arly **A**wareness and Readiness for **U**ndergraduate **P**rograms, is a competitive seven-year, \$24.5 million federal grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education that is designed to increase the high school graduation and college-going rates of students from low-income communities. The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education administers this statewide grant, which will serve more than 12,000 students in 12 school districts through 2025.

GUK Launch Celebration

The official launch of GEAR UP Kentucky occurred on September 25, 2019. As part of the launch celebration, GUK schools and students participated in a virtual role call, which was broadcast live on YouTube. The students seen here created a video in which they announced, "GEAR UP Kentucky is on at Holmes!"



The Four Pillars

GEAR UP Kentucky services are strategically aligned to the **Four Pillars of Student Success**, a theoretical framework used to engage, develop, and mobilize students and their key influencers in pursuit of student success.

These four pillars are:

- **SELF**
- **FAMILY**
- **INSTITUTION**
- **COMMUNITY**

These pillars, developed by Dr. Aaron Thompson, are inextricably interconnected. In an environment with both high expectations and support from all pillars, students are more likely to succeed.

72

hours spent in
**peer mentoring,
peer tutoring and
other student
ambassador
activities**

100% 12th



16

 educators participated
in **GUK-provided PD**

11% Middle **78%** High **11%** District

102.5

 hours,
PD participation

10% Middle **80%** High **10%** District

The F.A.C.E.S.

GEAR UP Kentucky is committed to helping build a college-going culture, an environment in which ALL pillars are engaged and supported to create a sustaining culture that supports the **F.A.C.E.S. of College Readiness:**

- **FINANCIAL**
- **ACADEMIC**
- **CULTURAL**
- **EMOTIONAL**
- **SOCIAL**