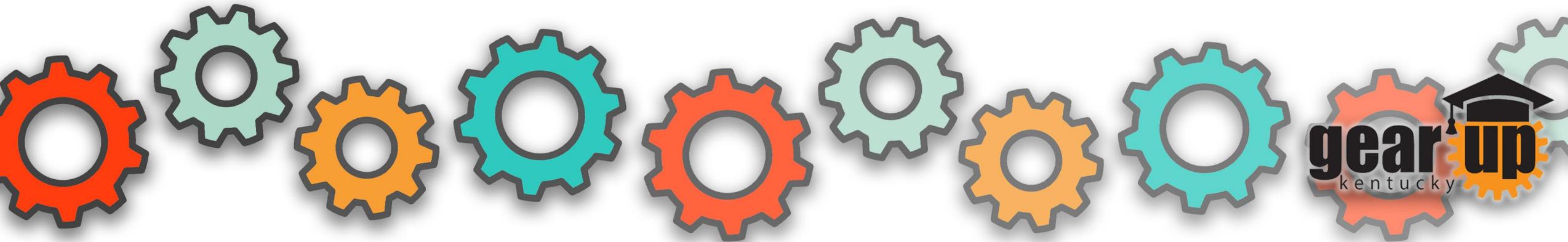
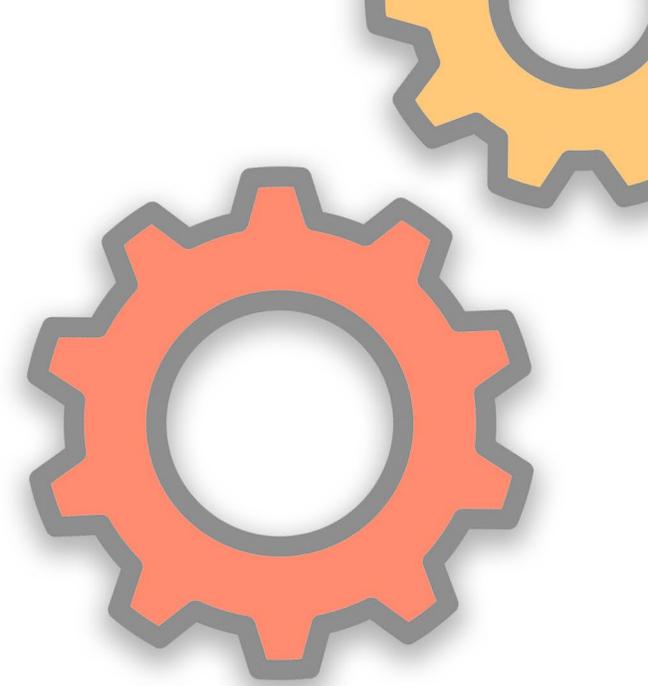


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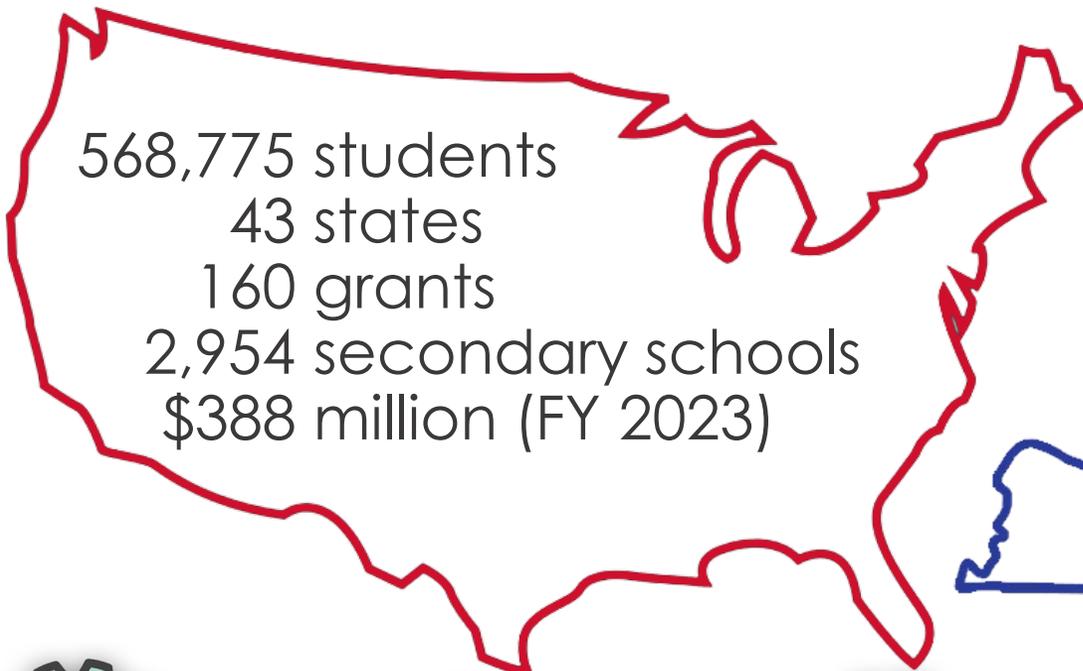




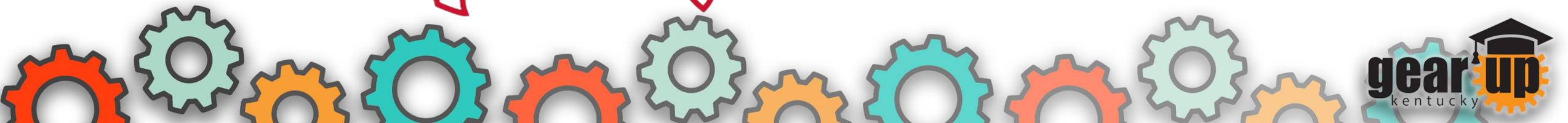
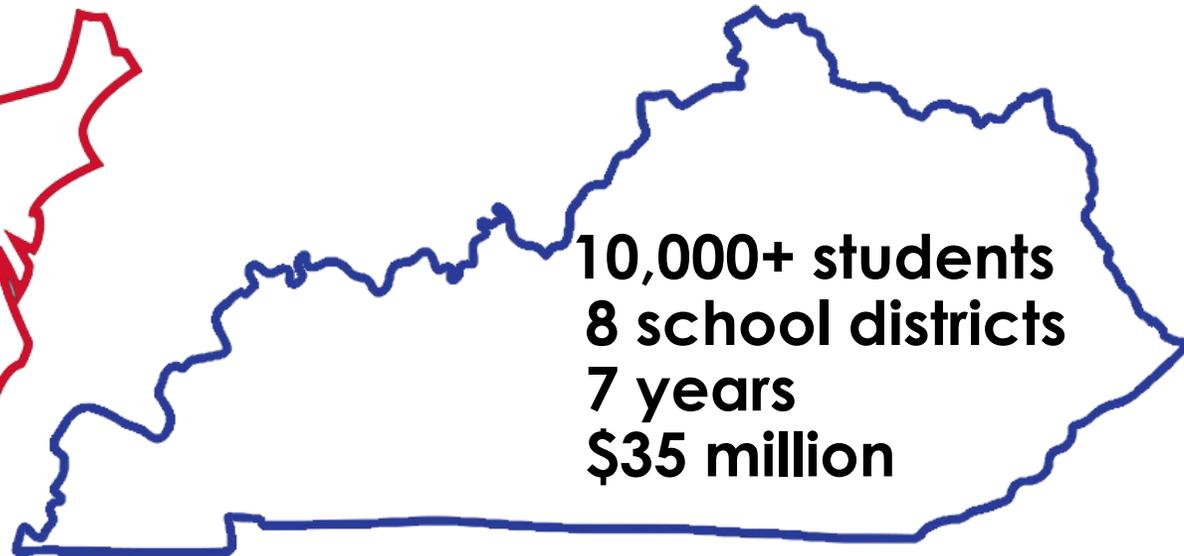
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Purpose: To increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

GEAR UP in the United States



GEAR UP in Kentucky



About GEAR UP: Required Activities

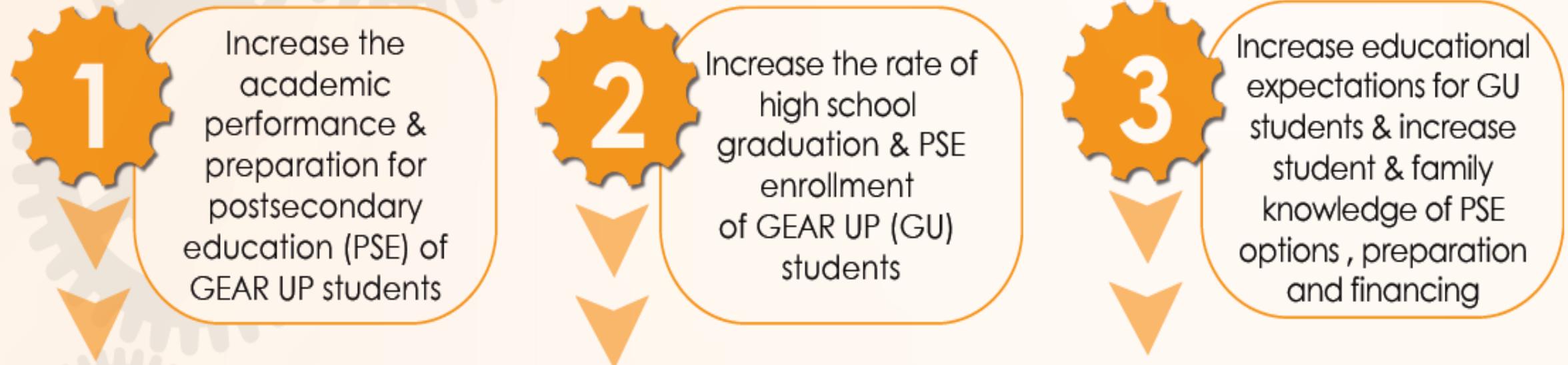
1. Provide comprehensive mentoring, outreach and supportive services for participating students
2. Provide information regarding financial aid for postsecondary education for participating students.
3. Encourage student enrollment in rigorous and challenging curricula and coursework, in order to reduce the need for remedial coursework at the postsecondary level.
4. Improve the number of participating students who obtain a secondary school diploma and complete applications for and enroll in a program of postsecondary education.
5. Provide scholarships (eligible entities only).



GEAR UP Kentucky Objectives & Outcomes

GEAR UP Kentucky's progress toward increasing the number of low-income Kentucky students who enter and succeed in postsecondary education will be evaluated by 10 performance measures, which are organized by the three federal GEAR UP objectives.

Federal GEAR UP Objectives



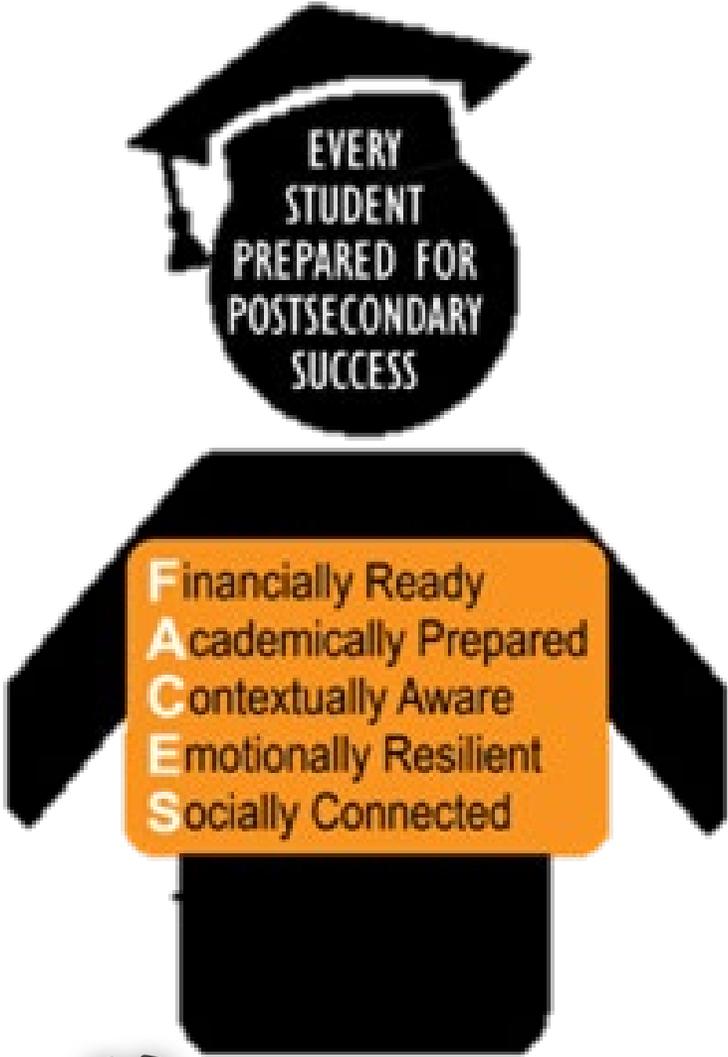
GEAR UP Kentucky Outcomes

1. Increased completion of Algebra 1 by 9th grade
2. Increased completion of dual enrollment or AP courses
3. Improved SAT scores
4. Increased college application rate
5. Increased FAFSA completion rate
6. Increased high school graduation rate
7. Improved PSE enrollment rate
8. Increased PSE persistence rate
9. Increased educational expectations
10. Improved knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing



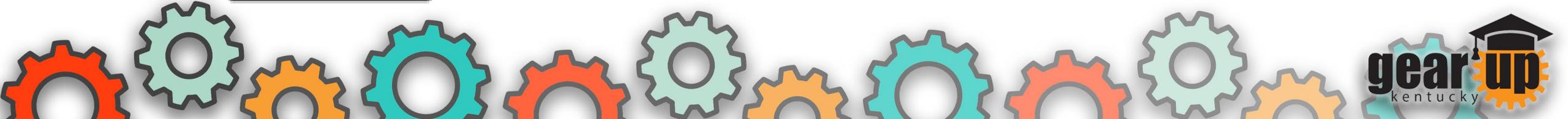


GEAR UP Kentucky



Vision: Every student prepared for postsecondary success

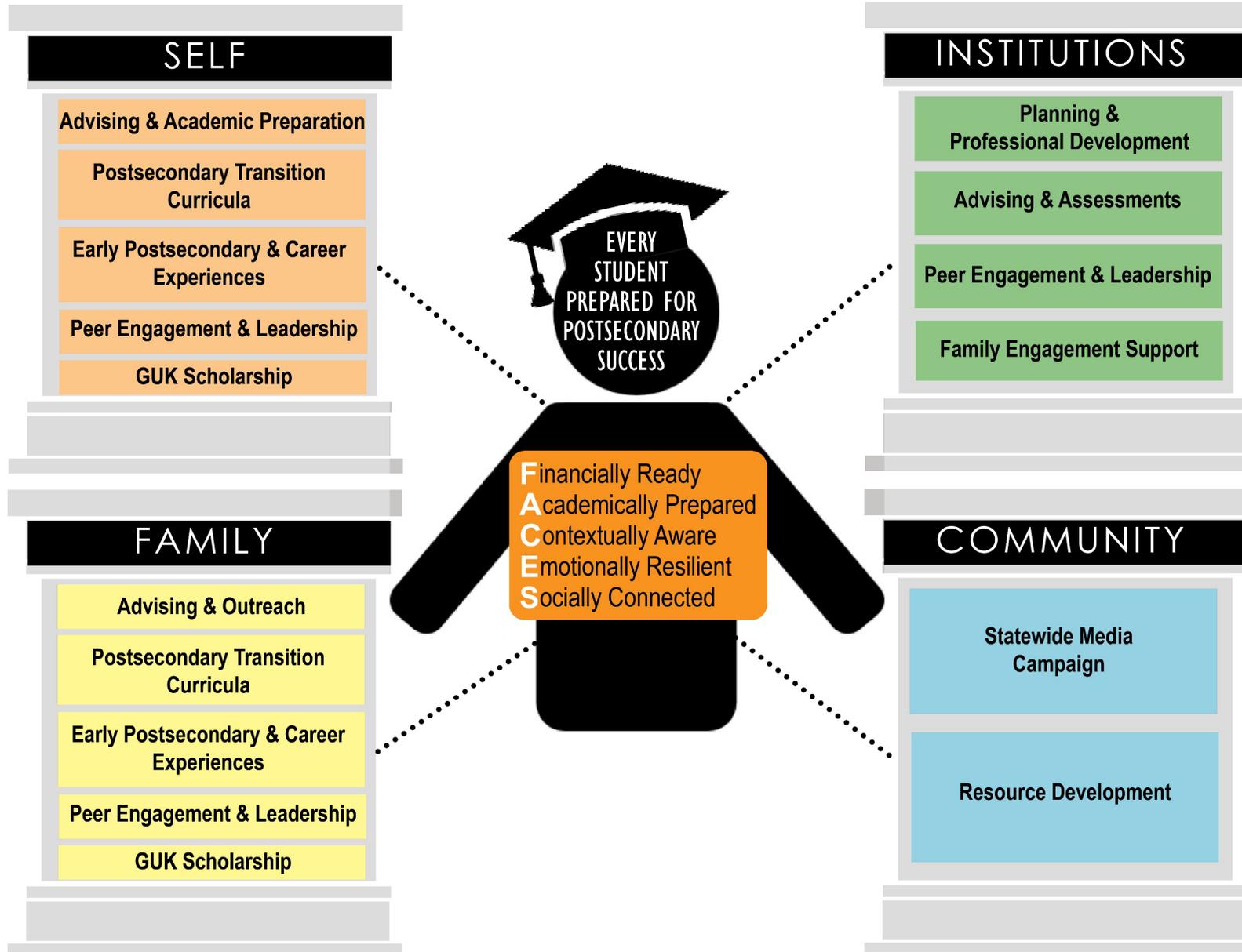
Mission: The mission of GEAR UP Kentucky is to increase the number of Kentucky students in low-income communities who are ready to successfully transition to and through postsecondary education. We do this by providing services and support that prepare the whole student, and engaging and equipping their families, institutions and communities to support and sustain student success.



Four Pillars of Student Success



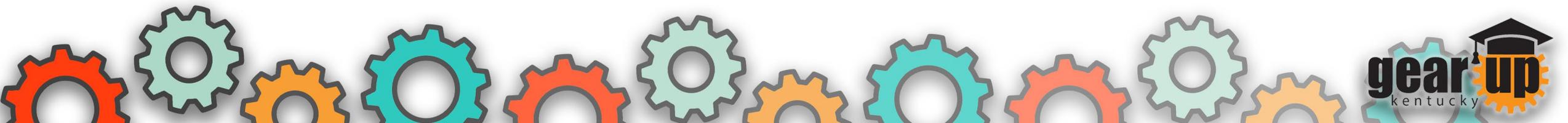
IMPLEMENTATION: SERVICES





FACES of Postsecondary Readiness

- **Financially Ready** – Students are equipped with money management skills and knowledge of financial aid to meet the cost of postsecondary education.
- **Academically Prepared** – Students have a rigorous academic foundation, a clear postsecondary plan, and strong discipline skills like problem-solving and goal setting.
- **Contextually Aware** – Students are aware of the expectations, norms, and systems of college, and can adapt through communication, collaboration, and informed decision-making.
- **Emotionally Resilient** – Students are able to regulate emotions, manage stress, maintain a growth mindset, and believe in their ability to succeed.
- **Socially Connected** – Students can build and maintain supportive relationships with family, peers, mentors, and community to thrive in new environments.



 GUK1 (1999 – 2005)	GUK2 (2005 – 2011)	GUK3 (2011 – 2017)	GUK4 (2018 – 2025)
<p>27 ppt increase in college-going rate over the statewide FRPL rate.</p>	<p>22 ppt increase in college-going rate of participating schools</p>	<p>Closed gap and exceeded statewide college-going rate by 12 ppts</p>	<p>7 ppt increase in college enrollment rate & closed gap to meet statewide rate (PSC cohorts)</p>
<p>College persistence increased 4 ppt over the statewide FRPL rate.</p> <p>This represents a 1/6th reduction of first-year college drop out rates.</p>	<p>Increased college readiness assessment scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 ppt in English - 4 ppt in Math - 10 ppt in Reading - 6 ppt in Science 	<p>Increased college readiness assessment scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 ppt in English - 10 ppt in Math - 8 ppt in Reading - 19 ppt in Science 	<p>44 ppt increase in college application rate</p>
<p>Degree Attainment increased 4 ppts over the statewide FPRL rate.</p>	<p>Students taking pre-Algebra in 8th grade nearly doubled.</p>	<p>36 ppt increase in students who reported knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing.</p>	<p>89% of students successfully completed Algebra 1 by the end of ninth grade.</p>
<p>Completion of an AA degrees more than doubled the statewide FRPL rate.</p>	<p>18 ppt increase in students who planned to earn a college degree</p>	<p>Closed gap and exceeded statewide high school graduation rate by 7 ppt</p>	<p>Exceeded statewide high school graduation rate every year for 6 years</p>
<p>Completion of an AA degrees nearly tripled the statewide FRPL rate for females.</p>	<p>35 ppt increase in students advised about college entrance requirements</p>	<p>Closed gap and exceeded statewide and national FAFSA completion rates</p>	<p>Closed gap and exceeded statewide and national FAFSA completion rates</p>

GEAR UP Kentucky Logic Model, 2025 -2032

INPUTS		IMPLEMENTATION		OUTCOMES		
Needs	Resources	Services	Outputs	Short-term	Mid-term	Long-term
<p>Students with low rates of postsecondary enrollment who are under resourced & academically underprepared</p> <p>Families with low educational attainment who lack knowledge of postsecondary education, preparations options & financing</p> <p>Institutions that lack strong college-going cultures & capacity to comprehensively support college access and success.</p> <p>Communities with high levels of poverty, low levels of educational attainment and limited access to resources.</p>	<p>Students, families & schools: Opportunity & desire to ensure all students are prepared for postsecondary success, GEAR UP school site teams</p> <p>CPE: Personnel, longitudinal data, database, training and technical support, Futuriti website, Kentucky Advising Academy, professional development, research & evaluation support, KY Student Access & Success Summit</p> <p>Data: CPE, KDE, KHEAA, KYStats, NSC</p> <p>Partners: Families, schools, postsecondary institutions, NCCEP, CCREC, Advance KY, Prichard Committee, KBA, KHEAA & other partners</p>	<p>STUDENTS & FAMILIES: <i>Advising & Academic Preparation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GU-4-Advising • Comprehensive mentoring, outreach & supportive services • Career exploration • Financial aid & FAFSA workshops • College application campaign • AP/dual enrollment/ (AP/DE) advising • Access to Algebra program • College readiness assessment/remediation platform & workshops • Family text outreach <p><i>Postsecondary Transition Curricula</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GU-4-Success lessons, workshops & resources <p><i>Early Postsecondary & Career Experiences</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College & Career Pathway visits • AP/DE campaigns, exam prep & dual enrollment summer bridge programs • AdvanceKentucky College Readiness Program • College & jobsite visits • College & career fairs • Summer bridge programs <p><i>Peer Engagement & Leadership</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Ambassadors program • Student & Family Ambassador Councils • GU Scholars Alumni Support Program • GU Scholars Alumni Peer Leader Network • NCCEP Youth Leadership Summit <p><i>GEAR UP Scholarship</i></p> <p>INSTITUTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Planning & Professional Development:</i> School sustainability planning & funds; AdvanceKentucky Access to Algebra & College Readiness Programs • <i>Advising & Assessments:</i> Assessment platform & training; Advising plan & resources • <i>Peer Engagement & Leadership:</i> Statewide Access & Success Summit; NCCEP District Leadership Institute • <i>Family Engagement:</i> Family Friendly Schools Certification process <p>COMMUNITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Statewide Media Campaign</i> • <i>Resource Development</i> 	<p>STUDENTS & FAMILIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,000 students served • 10,000 families served • Hours of participation • # Advising sessions • # Curricula lessons • # Assessments & remediation • # Jobsite & campus visits • # Workshops • # AP/DE enrollments • # FAFSA, scholarship & college applications • # Text messages • # Student surveys • # Student Ambassadors • # Ambassador Council members • # GUK scholarships <p>INSTITUTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # Assessments • # Staff completing PD • # PD hours • # Family Friendly School applications • # Educators participating in statewide & national professional development <p>COMMUNITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # PSA placements • # Social media posts 	<p>STUDENTS & FAMILIES:</p> <p><i>Financially Ready</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Knowledge of post-secondary options & financing ▲ Participation in financial literacy instruction <p><i>Academically Prepared</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Algebra I completion ▲ AP/DE enrollment ▲ Early career exposure ▲ Participation in PSE readiness activities <p><i>Contextually Aware</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ College visits <p><i>Emotionally Resilient</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Educational expectations ▲ Recognize their strengths & emotions <p><i>Socially Connected</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Demonstrate leadership among peers <p>INSTITUTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ School sustainability plans completed (SSP) ▲ Expansion of teacher PD opportunities <p>COMMUNITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Resources developed ▲ Social media engagements ▲ Website analytics 	<p>STUDENTS & FAMILIES:</p> <p><i>Financially Ready</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ FAFSA completion ▲ Financial aid awards ▲ Student confidence in managing money <p><i>Academically Prepared</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ AP/DE completion ▲ ACT scores ▲ College applications ▲ High school graduation ▲ Postsecondary plan ▲ Learn academic behaviors <p><i>Contextually Aware</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Communication & collaboration skills ▲ Understand postsecondary expectations & culture <p><i>Emotionally Resilient</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Regulate their emotions ▲ Adopt a growth mindset ▲ Believe that they can succeed through effort <p><i>Socially Connected</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Have supportive relationship with peers & adults <p>INSTITUTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Evidence of a college-going culture ▲ SSP goals met ▲ Teachers equipped to teach AP/DE courses ▲ Family Friendly Certified Schools <p>COMMUNITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Resources disseminated ▲ Evidence-based practices disseminated # Statewide partnerships 	<p>STUDENTS & FAMILIES:</p> <p><i>Financially, Academically, Contextually, Emotionally, and Socially Ready for Postsecondary Education</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Postsecondary enrollment ▲ Postsecondary persistence ▲ Postsecondary completion ▲ Successfully transition to a career <p>INSTITUTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Sustained college-going culture in participating high schools <p>COMMUNITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Evidence-based practices & resources shared statewide

▲ Increase or Improve
the number of

District Services Jan-May | Expectations

SELF
Advising & Academic Preparation
Postsecondary Transition Curricula
Early Postsecondary & Career Experiences
Peer Engagement & Leadership
GUK Scholarship



Priority Service Cohort – 12th:

- Senior Events
 - FAFSA Support, College Application support, GO Day
- Campus/Career Visit
 - College Spring Break Tour
- Student Ambassadors
 - Student of the Year Nomination
 - Youth Leadership Summit Applicants
 - Student Ambassador Council

Full Service Cohort – 6th:

- Career Exposure Visit – In the works
- Introduction to GEAR UP KY – This Friday
- Scholarship Overview





General Student Ambassadors | SOY & YLS

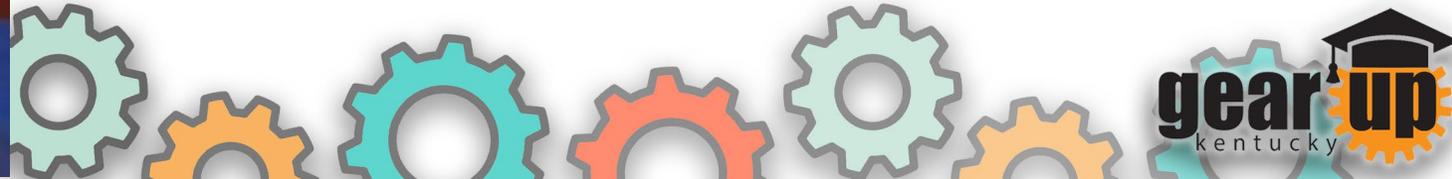
Student of the Year

- **Selective | Local/State Leadership Experience**
- One student from each district with demonstrated service as peer leader in their school, participation in GUK activities, and promoted a college-going culture.
This is the first leadership opportunity for all GUK students.

NCCEP Youth Leadership Summit

- **Selective | National Leadership Experience**
- Eligible students participate in a national youth leadership summit to build leadership skills and expand peer networks beyond Kentucky.

Kentucky



District Services Jan-May | Expectations

FAMILY
Advising & Outreach
Postsecondary Transition Curricula
Early Postsecondary & Career Experiences
Peer Engagement & Leadership
GUK Scholarship



Priority Service Cohort – 12th FAMILIES

- FAFSA Support
- Transition Support
 - College Applications
 - Financial Aid Award Letters
- GO Day

Priority Service Cohort – 6th FAMILIES

- GEAR UP KY Welcome Information



District Services Jan-May | Expectations

INSTITUTIONS

Planning &
Professional Development

Advising & Assessments

Peer Engagement & Leadership

Family Engagement Support



School Support Services – DPM

- RELATIONSHIP BUILDING
- School Site Team Meetings
- District Partner Convening – April 15-16
- Sustainability Planning
- District Advising Inventory & Community Asset Map

School Support Services – GOAT

- District Partner Convening
 - Sustainability Planning Process
- District Leadership Institute applications
- AdvanceKY participation in A2A/CRP programs



STUDENT SERVICES: Advising & Academic Preparation

Service	Description	Timeline	Partners
Advising & Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising sessions for every middle and high school student every year aligned to KAA framework. • Senior events: FAFSA Frenzy, College App Campaign, GEAR UP Go Day • AI-assisted virtual coaching for GU Scholars 	PY1 – PY7 All cohorts	KAA, Mainstay, KHEAA, Parchment
Access to Algebra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra IRL workshops • PSAT for 7 & 8 grade(fee waivers) • PSAT exam prep sessions • \$50 student stipend for meeting growth/benchmark goals on PSAT 	PY1 – PY3 FSC cohort	Advance KY
College readiness assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platform with practice tests/remediation • ACT Boot Camps & workbooks for 11th grade 	PY1 – PY7 FSC– every year PSC – 11 th grade	TBD

STUDENT SERVICES: Postsecondary Transition Curricula

Service	Description	Timeline	Partners
GEAR UP-4-Success Classroom Curricula	One FACES lesson per grade level, grades 7 – 10	PY2 – PY5	
GEAR UP-4-Success Whole Cohort Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEAR UP-4-Life • Algebra IRL • GEAR UP-4-Strengths • GEAR UP-4-High School • GEAR UP-4-Work • GEAR UP-4-SAT • GEAR UP-4-Senior Year • GEAR UP-4-Adulting I • GEAR UP-4-Adulting II 	PY2 – PY7	Seeds Training AdvanceKY



STUDENT SERVICES: Middle School | Whole Cohort Workshops

- **GEAR UP-4-Life:** 3-4 hour workshop designed to help introduce 7th grade students to the financial responsibilities of adult life. Similar to a Reality Store, participants make real-world budgeting decisions based on assigned careers, incomes, and expenses, gaining insights into money management and planning for the future.
- **Algebra IRL:** 2-3 hour workshop designed to motivate 7th grade students to enroll and succeed in Algebra I by the end of 9th grade. Delivered by AdvanceKentucky, students will discover Algebra in their use of everyday things like video games and YouTube and connect Algebra to various careers/jobs.
- **GEAR UP-4-Strengths:** 3-4 hour workshop to help 8th grade students explore their unique talents through customized Gallup CliftonStrengths Strengths Explorer assessment reports highlighting their top three themes. Through interactive sessions, students learn to understand their natural abilities and those of others, develop their potential, and set actionable goals to invest in their personal growth.
- **GEAR UP-4-High School:** 3-4 hour interactive workshop designed to introduce 8th grade students to the expectations and opportunities of high school, including career pathways, graduation requirements, teacher expectations, dual credit and AP options, KEES scholarship, extracurricular activities, work-based learning opportunities, and student organizations.



STUDENT SERVICES: 11th Grade | Whole Cohort Workshops

- **GEAR UP-4-Life:** 3 - 4 hour workshop designed to help high school juniors understand the financial responsibilities of adult life. Similar to a Reality Store, students make real-world budgeting decisions based on assigned careers, incomes, and expenses, gaining insights into money management and planning for the future.
- **GEAR UP-4-Work:** 6-hour workshop designed to help high school juniors prepare for employment and succeed in the workforce. Through hands-on activities like resume building, job search and application practice, and mock interviews, students gain confidence to pursue full time employment.
- **GEAR UP-4-Strengths:** 3 - 4 hour workshop to help high school juniors explore their unique talents through customized Gallup Clifton Strengths for Students assessment reports highlighting their top five themes.
- **GEAR UP-4-SAT:** 3 - 4 hour SAT workshop to equip high school juniors with a comprehensive understanding of the test structure, scoring, and subject-specific strategies to boost their performance.



STUDENT SERVICES: 12th Grade | Whole Cohort Workshops

- **GEAR UP-4-Senior Year:** 3-hour workshop for high school seniors to learn about financial aid, college admission and application requirements, and college planning timelines and resources.
- **GEAR UP-4-Adulting I: Preparing for Financial Independence:** 6-hour workshop to equip high school seniors with essential financial skills to prepare for life after graduation. Students learn personal budgeting, banking basics, tax filing, responsibilities of car and home ownership and more.
- **GEAR UP-4-Adulting II: Managing Yourself and Your Relationships:** 6-hour workshop to equip high school seniors with social, emotional, and contextual skills for navigating new environments and maintaining mental health as they transition to adulthood. Students develop strategies for self-care, resilience, time management and social integration.
- **GEAR UP-4-College:** Delivered by Seeds Training, these 2-hour concurrent workshops for students and families at the GUK Summer Scholarship Event help college-bound high school graduates prepare to navigate the social norms and expectations of college and practice self-advocacy.



GUK commitments to school partners

- Ongoing, two-way communication
- At least one full-time, trained GEAR UP staff in each high school
- Research-based services & supports
- Data sharing on GEAR UP students, outputs and outcomes
- Timely reimbursements and federally-compliant processes
- Connections to postsecondary institutions

