

GEAR UP Chabot-San Leandro Unified School District Partnership

Target Sites: Bancroft Middle School
 John Muir Middle School
 San Leandro High School
 2 Faith-based organizations: St. Leander, Creekside

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ACADEMIC SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Small Group Tutoring. In an effort to help middle and high school students achieve measurable improvement in core academic subjects such as English and mathematics, the Chabot GEAR UP Counselor/Instructor/Coordinator will collaborate with the college Tutor Training Program and Service Learning Program, to train 20 college tutors who will serve 100 GEAR UP participants for the first two years. Tutor training will include how to work in small groups, math and reading intervention strategies, how to be a role model, etc.

The tutoring component will provide academic assistance beyond what is offered through the target middle and high schools. At each target school site, trained tutors will conduct after-school tutoring on a regular basis for 6-10 hours per week for GEAR UP participants. Further, the Director and Advisor will dedicate a portion of their meetings with target school staff to identify specific student needs and brainstorm ideas to facilitate additional group study sessions at the target schools during lunch periods, before-school, or by special arrangement with target school administration.

FINANCIAL AID ACTIVITIES

Financial Aid Workshops for Parents. These workshops will be held four times per year at each target site, twice in English and twice in Spanish. Workshops will include three types of informational sessions: 1) How to prepare financially for college; 2) An overview of the types of financial aid available and how to apply; and 3) A step-by step guide to filling out the FAFSA. All workshops will be open to SLUSD parents and other family members to promote college and financial aid awareness. **In addition, child care will be available for evening parent workshops??**

POSTSECONDARY EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

Course in Strategies for College Success Chabot will teach a courses at the target sites in the 12th grade. The 1-unit course is called Strategies for College Success and serves as an introduction to practical strategies for success in college. It includes an overview of academic programs at many colleges, student rights and responsibilities, and graduation and transfer requirements to four-year colleges. It is designed for first-time student to ease transition into college and maximize success towards their academic goals.

Campus Visits to 4-Year Colleges. Visits to four-year college campuses are planned for all GEAR UP participants to include one college visit every year. The Chabot GEAR UP Coordinator will organize the visits each spring with assistance from the Transfer Center and the San Leandro GEAR UP Director. Participants will visit 4-year colleges such as UC Berkeley,

UC San Francisco, Stanford, Cal State University East Bay, Mills College, and University of San Francisco.

Senior College Immersion Program For “college-ready” participants, an exciting two-day Senior College Immersion Program is planned to put college into clearer perspective and help seniors to understand and achieve the goals of the college admissions process. To be admitted to the program, a senior is required to present a copy of the high school transcript, SAT/ACT score, three college applications, a rough draft of the college essay, and a short statement on career interests and goals. Students will receive individualized assistance in writing the college application essay, completing the college admission application, arranging for letters of recommendation, developing student portfolios, and college survival skills. This program will be held for one weekend in October in the 12th grade year on a college campus that provides room, board, and meals for participants. Students will live in a college dorm, eat in the cafeteria, and have opportunities to talk with college students currently attending school at the campus.

College Fairs and Opportunities to Meet with College Representatives. The College invites over 40 colleges and universities to meet with prospective transfer students during its annual Transfer Fairs and College Orientation Days. GEAR UP Chabot staff will assist with planning these events as a way to integrate GEAR UP into the life of the college. For middle school students, each year will offer one campus visit opportunity to encourage positive associations with college life. Tenth grade students will have the opportunity to have a third college visit at a crucial time—before they decide which colleges to apply to the following year.