

3 Postsecondary Preparation



1,600+ Students took the PSAT 10

53 Students took the SAT or ACT

1,200+

Students and parents were provided with additional academic advising and planning

“Many [students] are beginning to respond with enthusiasm when discussing their higher education goals. Higher education is now being viewed as an obtainable goal by both students and parents.”

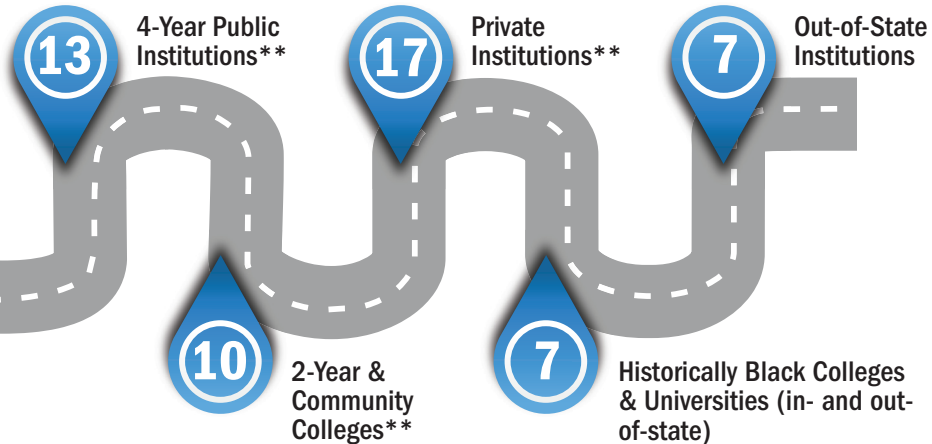
– GUV Coordinator,
Sussex Central High School

College Trips (2014-18)

2,327
Students Visited
a College Campus
62% of cohort

47
Colleges &
Universities
Visited

** Virginia Institutions



GEAR UP
Virginia
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Participating School Divisions

Charlotte County
Charlottesville City
Covington City
Danville City
Dinwiddie County

Fredericksburg City
Harrisonburg City
King & Queen County
Lynchburg City
Newport News City

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Roanoke City
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GEAR UP Virginia 2017-18 YEAR IN REVIEW



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2017-18 GEAR UP Virginia

Year In Review

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a national college access initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of this program is to increase significantly the number of students in disadvantaged communities who are prepared for, pursue and succeed in postsecondary education, whether that is a bachelor's degree, associate degree or qualified certification.

Administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) GEAR UP Virginia (GUV) began in the 2014-15 academic year with a cohort of over 4600 seventh-grade students in 15 school divisions throughout the Commonwealth. During 2017-18, the fourth year of the grant, GEAR UP Virginia partnered with 24 high schools in these school divisions to provide program and equipment funding, professional development for educators, collaboration opportunities, scholarships and myriad other services.

{ Cohort Snapshot }

3,763

students

15

school divisions

24

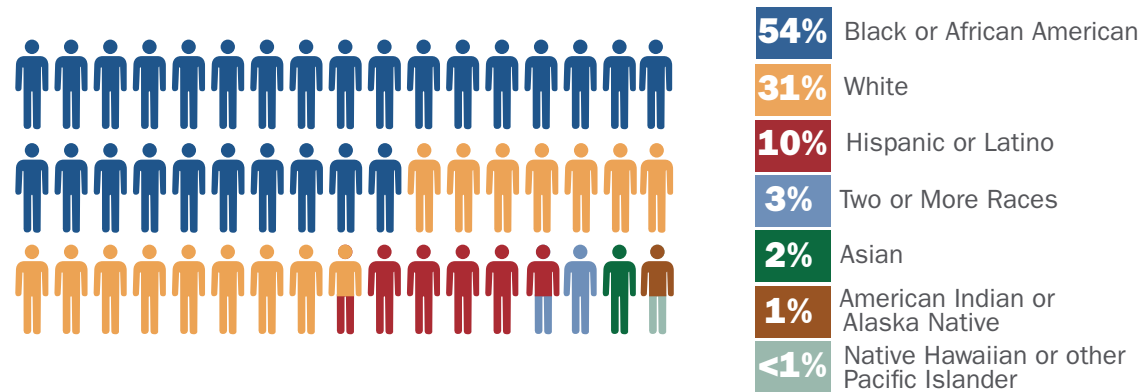
high schools

931 educators participated in professional development (2,650+ hours)

547 parents/guardians participated in GUV activities

20 high school seniors experiencing homelessness were served (100% graduation rate)

4,500+ non-GUV students were provided services



63%

are eligible for free/reduced lunch (based on school-wide numbers)

13%

have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

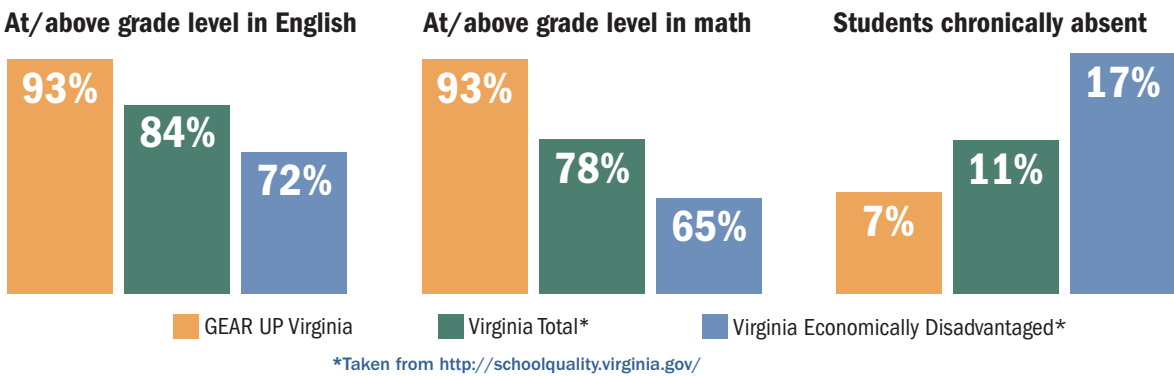
6%

are English learners

{ Achieving Objectives }

By working with middle and high schools to provide program and equipment funding, professional development for educators, partnership opportunities and scholarships, GEAR UP Virginia progressed in achieving its **3** program objectives:

1 Academic Achievement



92% promoted to the next grade

869 passed one or more AP, IB, or dual enrollment classes

“Participants are encouraged strongly to reach for the highest goal possible by enrolling in rigorous classes such as honors, AP, Dual enrollment, and (IB) International Baccalaureate classes.”

- GUV Coordinator
Denbigh High School, Newport News

2 Student Support



- Partnering Organizations**
- Virginia Department of Education,
 - Virginia 529, Project HOPE, Virginia
 - Latino Higher Education Network,
 - Educational Credit Management Corporation, George Mason University,
 - Norfolk State University, University of Richmond, Virginia State University,
 - Virginia Tech, Virginia Space Grant Consortium, CoolSpeak, Southside
 - Health Education Foundation,
 - Student Success Agency, Xcaliber
 - and The Princeton Review