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

- **13** 4-Year Public Institutions**
- **17** Private Institutions**
- **7** Out-of-State Institutions
- **10** 2-Year & Community Colleges**
- **7** Historically Black Colleges & Universities (in- and out-of-state)

GEAR UP VA Virginia

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Participating School Divisions

Charlotte County	Fredericksburg City	Petersburg City
Charlottesville City	Harrisonburg City	Roanoke City
Covington City	King & Queen County	Suffolk County
Danville City	Lynchburg City	Sussex County
Dinwiddie County	Newport News City	Westmoreland County

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Year In Review 2017-18



Featured left to right are: Savonta Clark, Joshua Gibson, Kaylei Jones (School Counselor and GEAR UP Coordinator), Zeonna Haskins and Alexis Wilson.

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

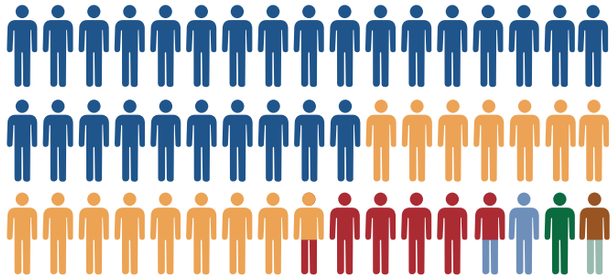
24 high schools

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



- 54% Black or African American
- 31% White
- 10% Hispanic or Latino
- 3% Two or More Races
- 2% Asian
- 1% American Indian or Alaska Native
- <1% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

63% are eligible for free/reduced lunch (based on school-wide numbers)

13% have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

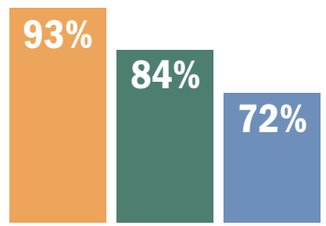
6% are English learners

{ Achieving Objectives }

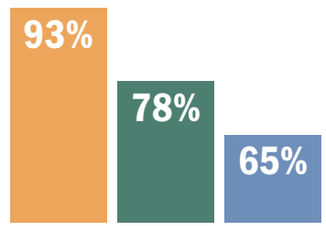
By working with middle and high schools to provide program and equipment funding, professional development for educators, partnership opportunities and scholarships, GEAR UP Virginia progressed in achieving its **3** program objectives:

1 Academic Achievement

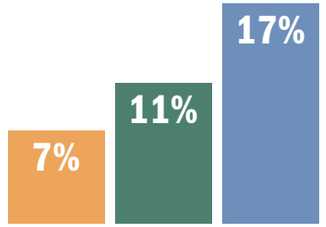
At/above grade level in English



At/above grade level in math



Students chronically absent



GEAR UP Virginia | Virginia Total* | Virginia Economically Disadvantaged*

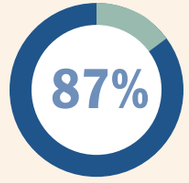
*Taken from http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/

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



of GUV students benefitted from GEAR UP events, resources and services

invitations to



different summer opportunities



10,000+ hours of tutoring

5,000+ hours of mentoring

24/7 access to tutors and mentors through Tutor.com and Student Success Agency

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