



WEST VIRGINIA GEAR UP UPDATES FOR 2024-2025

ADMINISTERED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER
EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

WHO WE ARE

West Virginia GEAR UP is a federal grant program that assists students in “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.” The Commission’s first GEAR UP project launched in 2008 and continued through the 2014-2015 academic year. During the fall of 2014, the Commission received its second GEAR UP grant. This grant served more than 15,000 students through the spring of 2021.

In September 2021, the Commission was granted a third award, which aims to serve more than 17,000 students across Boone, Clay, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Nicholas, Roane, Wayne, Webster and Wirt counties by 2028. In the grant’s fourth year, West Virginia GEAR UP served more than 7,400 students in the 9th, 10th, and 12th grades, and provided first-year postsecondary services and statewide services.

IMPACT STATS



7,400+

**STUDENTS WERE SERVED IN
THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**
Across 21 high schools



500+

**STUDENTS IN DUAL
ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**
Earning both high school and
college credits simultaneously



\$24 MILLION

IN FEDERAL GRANTS
To support college-planning and
readiness services

STUDENT PROGRAMS



CAREER ACADEMY
Over 900 students
attended the 2025
Career Academy



CAMPUS VISIT
Over 1,960 students went
on college visits



TUTORING
Over 14,000 hours of
STEM tutoring



JOB SITE VISITS
Over 235 students went on
a job site visit



**GEAR UP U
SUMMER ACADEMY**
Over 115 students
attended the 2025 GEAR
UP U Summer Academy
at Marshall University

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