



"GEAR UP changed my life. Through GEAR UP I was able to see my potential as a college graduate."

GEAR UP 2012 Rocky Boy High School Graduate,
Gates Millenium Scholar, Carroll College Freshman



\$28 million grant from the U S Department of Education awarded in 2011 for seven years. With a dollar for dollar match required, total GEAR UP investment into Montana from is \$56 million.



Aproximately 8,800 students beginning in 7th grade through freshman year in college will receive services: tutoring, mentoring, college visits, dual enrollment, summer programs, and rigorous academic courses.



18 GEAR UP school districts in low-income communities will receive supplemental curriculum and professional development for school staff. 13 GEAR UP schools are located on or near Montana's 7 reservations.



3,660 GEAR UP Students served in 2011-2012

77% American Indian

90% Free and Reduced Lunch

Meet the 2012 Senior Class

418 High School Graduates
(74% Grad Rate)

64% graduates enrolled in college



45% FAFSA Completion

364 Achievement Grants (Jr)
48 Pathways Scholarships

Private - 3%
Out of State - 14%
MUS - 33%
Tribal - 50%

Montana

Goal 1: Increase academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education of GEAR UP students

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Goal 2: Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education for GEAR UP students

Goals

Goal 3: Increase GEAR UP students' and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, & financing

ACT College and Career Readiness System

8th Grade

GEAR UP 8th grade students take the **ACT EXPLORE**

10th Grade

GEAR UP 10th grade students take the **ACT PLAN**

11th Grade

In 2012-2013, Montana GEAR UP funded the **ACT Plus Writing** test for **all** Montana public high school 11th grade students

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