“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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