Scholar Success Program

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# Scholar Success Program

## As of June 2016

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ScholarTrack Registration: Class of 2017

As of June 2016:

**71%** of students on ScholarTrack

**57 of 92** counties with **75%+** of students on track
ScholarTrack Registration: Class of 2017

As of October 2016:

79% of students on ScholarTrack

73 of 92 counties with 75%+ of students on track
Scholar Success Program: Class of 2017

As of June 2016:

- **22%** of students on track
- **1 of 92** counties above 75%
- **3 of 92** counties between 51-75%
As of October 2016:

38% of students on track

2 of 92 counties above 75%

17 of 92 counties between 51-75%
Scholar Success Grants
Scholar Success Grants

What: The Scholar Success Grants are designed to support local school communities in ensuring Scholar Success Program completion for the Class of 2017.

Eligibility: Indiana high schools OR youth-serving organizations in collaboration with one or more high schools.

Amount: $25 per Scholar (Class of 2017) who completes all 12 required activities.
Scholar Success Program Grants

• Grants will provide funding support to 100+ high schools based on applications received

• Majority of applications in high-need areas were submitted in partnership with colleges and community organizations

• Community Organizations & College Partners:
  ✓ Communities in Schools of Lake County
  ✓ Indiana Black Expo, Inc. – Anderson Chapter
  ✓ Institute for Leadership and Performance Improvement
  ✓ Ivy Tech Community College Northeast
  ✓ Project Leadership — Delaware County
  ✓ Project Leadership — Grant County
  ✓ Purdue University — Calumet
  ✓ TeenWorks
Key Points:

• Most applications from high-need population centers

• Fewer applications received from lower-risk counties

• Significant gaps in school engagement, especially in rural areas
Next Steps

**SHORT-TERM:**

- Targeted communication, outreach and capacity-building training
- Focus efforts in high-need areas with low school engagement

**LONG-TERM:**

- Advocate for policy changes aligned with CHE’s strategic plan:
  - Integrate Scholar Success Program expectations into high school graduation requirements and school accountability measures
  - Require “Preparing for College & Careers” and “Personal Financial Responsibility” courses for all Indiana students

- Build statewide capacity through $24.5 million GEAR UP grant
Indiana GEAR UP

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GEAR UP: Background
Federal GEAR UP Grant

- Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a competitive federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

- The GEAR UP initiatives was signed into public law on September 29, 1998 by President Clinton.

- GEAR UP provides critical early college awareness and support activities to improve access to higher education for low-income, minority and disadvantaged first-generation students.
Federal GEAR UP Grant

- GEAR UP projects are designed to:
  - Provide or maintain a guarantee of financial assistance to participating low-income students pursuing postsecondary education
  - Provide academic and co-curricular support services to students at risk of dropping out of school
  - Provide students and families with information demonstrating the advantages of pursuing higher education, as well as options for financing higher education
The State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) received a GEAR UP grant for $30 million over 6 years, beginning in September of 1999.

In 2005, SSACI reapplied for a new GEAR UP grant and was awarded a grant for nearly $19 million.

SSACI received GEAR UP funds until 2012. Reapplied in partnership with Purdue University in 2014.
GEAR UP funds support state and local education reform initiatives, fostering sustained systemic change in middle and high schools.

Our statewide effort aims to strengthen academic preparation, college readiness and career guidance with a special focus on students in Indiana’s 21st Century Scholars program.
• The governor of each state may designate only one agency to apply for and administer a GEAR UP state grant.

• Purdue University is the Indiana GEAR UP grant recipient and will sub-grant to the Commission.

• The grant amount is anticipated to be $3.5 million annually with the allocation totaling as much as $24.5 million over seven years.
Purdue University & 21st Century Scholars Partnership
• **Goal:** Increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education

• **Strategy:** Targeted regional partnerships with rural and urban school corporations and growing statewide capacity to support students in grades 7-16 across Indiana.
Objective 1: Increase Academic Performance and Preparation

• **Outcome 1.1** - The percentage of IN GEAR UP cohort students who complete Pre-Algebra by 9th grade, Algebra 1 by 10th grade, will be 70%.

• **Outcome 1.2** - 85% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will complete two mathematics courses beyond Algebra I by graduation.

• **Outcome 1.3** - Each year, 85 percent of IN GEAR UP cohort students will make significant progress from baseline on the ACT Aspire assessment in grades 7-9 and the cohort will score significantly higher than comparison group on the 9th grade administration.

• **Outcome 1.4** - Each academic year at least 95 percent of IN GEAR UP cohort students will be promoted to the next level of schooling.
Outcome 1.5 - 85% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will successfully complete at least three college credits through dual enrollment options in high school.

Outcome 1.6 - IN GEAR UP cohort will successfully complete three science courses in high school.

Outcome 1.7 - IN GEAR UP cohort will significantly outperform comparison group on PSAT exam in 10th grade.

Outcome 1.8 - IN GEAR UP cohort will significantly outperform comparison group on SAT/ACT exam in 11th grade.
Objective 2: Increase HS Graduation and Postsecondary Education Enrollment Rates

• **Outcome 2.1** - Significantly more IN GEAR UP cohort students will complete and graduate from high school on schedule than students from the comparison group.

• **Outcome 2.2** - By 8th grade, all IN GEAR UP cohort students will have enrolled in the Scholar Success Program.

• **Outcome 2.3** - By end of 9th grade, 100% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have created a graduation plan.
Objective 2: Increase HS Graduation and Postsecondary Education Enrollment Rates

- **Outcome 2.4** - By the end of 11th grade, 90% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed a college entrance exam, and by 12th grade completed an application for college and financial aid.

- **Outcome 2.5** - Significantly less IN GEAR UP cohort students will be required to take remedial college courses in English and mathematics than the state average for low-income students.

- **Outcome 2.6** - Significantly more IN GEAR UP cohort will complete at least 30 college credits in their first year of full-time enrollment than the state average for low-income students.
Objective 3: Increase Students’ and Families’ Knowledge of Postsecondary Options, Preparation and Financing

• **Outcome 3.1** - By the end of the 10th grade, 100 percent of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed the Career Interest Survey.

• **Outcome 3.2** - By the end of 9th grade 100% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed the Paying for College 101 module and by end of 12th grade 100% will complete the College Success 101 module.

• **Outcome 3.3** - By the end of 10th grade, all IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed an individualized workplace experience.
Objective 3: Increase Students’ and Families’ Knowledge of Postsecondary Options, Preparation and Financing

• **Outcome 3.4** - By the end of 11th grade year, 90 percent of parents of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed the Postsecondary Awareness Survey.

• **Outcome 3.5** - By the end of 12th grade, 85% of all IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed a summer bridge program.
Objective 4: Grow Statewide Capacity to Support College and Career Readiness and Postsecondary Access and Success

• **Outcome 4.1** - Each year the percentage of students who successfully complete the Scholar Success Program and receive the 21st Century Scholarship will increase 5%.

• **Outcome 4.2** - Each year the percentage of students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch that attend postsecondary study in Indiana will increase by 5%.

• **Outcome 4.3** - Each year the percentage of new college students from low-income backgrounds who are enrolled in remedial coursework will decrease by 5 percent.

• **Outcome 4.4** - Each year the percentage of 21st Century Scholar students attending Indiana postsecondary institutions who make satisfactory progress (30 credits) will increase 10%.
Objective 4: Grow Statewide Capacity to Support College and Career Readiness and Postsecondary Access and Success

• **Outcome 4.5** - By the end of the IN GEAR UP project, the state of Indiana will have developed and disseminated academic intervention tools and professional development for teachers for use in grades 7-10 mathematics and ELA.

• **Outcome 4.6** – Each year the IN GEAR UP program will reach 10% more teachers statewide through professional development at Education Service Centers and/or Purdue Educator Portal and participants will gain increased capacity to deliver internationally benchmarked academic standards and make academic interventions.

• **Outcome 4.7** – Indiana postsecondary students (low-income) will report more positive experiences and improved preparation and progress in college each year.
26 Indiana GEAR UP Schools
(14 JR-SR High Schools and 12 High Schools)

- Community Schools of Frankfort (Frankfort MS, Frankfort HS)
- Crawford County Community Schools (Crawford County MS, Crawford County HS)
- Gary Community School Corporation (Williams Annex, West Side Leadership Academy)
- Greater Clark County Schools (Charleston MS, Parkview MS, River Valley MS, Charleston HS, Jeffersonville HS)
- Indianapolis Public Schools (Harshman Magnet MS, John Marshall HS, Northwest HS, Purdue Polytechnic HS)
- Kokomo School Corporation (Maple Crest MS, Kokomo HS)
- Lafayette School Corporation (Sunnyside Intermediate, Tecumseh JH, Jefferson HS)
- Maconaquah School Corporation (Maconaquah MS, Maconaquah HS)
- Metropolitan School District of Warren Township (Stonybrook MS, Warren Central HS)
- Muncie Community Schools (Northside MS, Southside MS, Central HS)
GEAR UP Activities

• **School-based Support**
  – Purdue University will provide one-on-one student support around math, science and Scholar Success Program activities
  – The Commission will assist with training building coordinators and school staff around Scholar Success Program curriculum

• **Student Programs & Events**
  – The Commission will host a series of Summer Bridge Programs (8) around the state to reduce summer melt and prepare more students for college
  – The Commission will host Campus Visits (10) for students as early as 8th grade
GEAR UP Activities

• **Focused on Academic Support and College/Career Readiness**

  – In-school Support – Tutors, mentors, teacher (Regional IN GEAR UP Coordinator)

  – After-school Programming – Homework Diner, STEM Enrichment Program

  – Summer Programs – STEM Camp (6th grade), Bridge program (HS juniors)

  – Field trip to college campus – 8th grade

  – ACT Aspire Assessment – 7th/8th/9th grades
The Commission will build capacity in communities across the state via training, resources and in-person support through the following primary networks:

- **College Success Coalitions** – A network of state and local organizations working to increase college access and success across the state of Indiana.

- **Purdue Extension Offices** – Purdue Extension provide tailored services that meet the local needs of communities in all 92 counties.
GEAR UP Activities

• **Outreach, Communications and Support**
  – The Commission will build effective relationships with College Success Coalitions and Purdue Extension Offices
  – Increase awareness of Scholar Success Program activities and Learn More Indiana Resources

• **Trainings and Technical Assistance**
  – Host statewide 21st Century Teacher Academy Trainings
  – Facilitate statewide Community Partner Trainings
Budget and Implementation Timeline
Indiana GEAR UP Budget

- Purdue University will sub-grant funding to the Commission on an annual basis
- Over the 7-year grant period, the Commission will receive up to $6.1 million dollars

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Timeline

• **September 2017**: Funding awarded; first year funding period backdated to August 2017

• **First 90 Days**: Meeting with partners, hiring staff, securing space, needs analysis and building programming

• **January 2017**: Services begin in schools

• **April 2017**: Annual Report due
Marketing and Communication

• Indiana GEAR UP Branding – Unified marketing strategy
• Press Release – Purdue and CHE
• Website Development – Launch March 2017
• IN GEAR UP – Logo and Infographic
Questions