



School Year 2019-2020

Alignment to District Strategic Plan

2000 Series - District Goal - *Increase Eastmont High School graduation rate each year until the 4 year cohort rate is 90% and the extended rate is 100%.*

- Sub goal 8: *100% of graduating seniors shall pursue additional education, armed services, or be employed within a year of graduation.*

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

GEAR UP provides services to one grade level; mainly to the class of 2023. However, some activities can involve students from other grade levels.

Hi-lights:

- Ongoing tutoring, mentoring, academic intervention, career, and college information
- Supported Staff Professional Development (SEL)
 - Character Strong
- Led 150 students on a tour of Central Washington University (CWU)
 - Covid prevented the remaining students in the cohort from going
- Led 70 students on a tour of Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center
- Assisted 500 students participating in; “Careers During Lunch” guest speakers, tutoring, mentoring, planning seminars for college and careers
- Sponsored Eastmont students to attend college preparatory summer camps

2019-20 Allocated Revenues & Expenditures

Annual Budget: \$254,850; Direct Expenditures: \$237,496 with \$10,964 for indirect costs.

Post-COVID Activities (March 2020)

- Worked with JH Interventionists to engage students and families in online learning
- College Bound Scholarship Repledge
- Encouraged students to take virtual college tours

GEAR UP aims to give students the message that with early planning and hard work, they can go to college or Technical School. Washington State GEAR UP is a partnership of the Office of the Governor, the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC), the University of Washington, and the College Success Foundation. It is funded by a \$21 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Funding is expected to last through August 2022.

GEAR UP is a competitive grant program of the U.S. Department of Education that increases the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education by providing states, and local community-education partnerships, six to seven year grants to offer support services to high-poverty, middle and high schools.

In Eastmont the program serves one grade level of students, currently (October 2020) sophomores. These students began receiving grant support in the 7th grade.

The program mandates partnerships among K-12 schools, institutions of higher education, local and state education entities, businesses and community-based organizations. Some of Eastmont’s GEAR UP partners include Stemilt, Northern Fruit, Wenatchee Valley College, Douglas and Chelan County PUD, and a variety of other local businesses.