



# Eastmont School District #206 Relationships, Relevance, Rigor, and Results GEAR UP Report — October 2021

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## School Year 2020-2021

### Alignment to District Strategic Plan

*District Goal 4 - Distinguish Eastmont as a progressive and trusted public education provider striving to meet the needs of the world our students are experiencing.*

- *Primary Indicator 1 - Students who enroll in college/university within 1 year of graduation*
- *Primary Indicator 2 - Students who enlist with armed services within 1 year of graduation*
- *Primary Indicator 3 - Students who enter apprenticeship/training program within 1 year*

### 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
- College tours were regrettably cancelled due to Covid for the last school year. Multiple online College Tour Videos produced by WSAC and offered to our students
- Supported Intervention staff and on-line students, home visits for struggling students and tutoring/mentoring

### 2020-21 Allocated Revenues & Expenditures

Grant Award: \$253,900; Direct Expenditures: \$218,443 with \$9,633 for indirect costs.

### Post-COVID Activities (March 2020)

- Worked with High School Interventionists and Staff to engage students and families in online learning
- College Bound Scholarship Repledge
- Increased focus on Career and College Planning through Zoom Meetings and online forums

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 2021) Juniors. 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.