



GEAR UP New Mexico 2022-2023 School Year

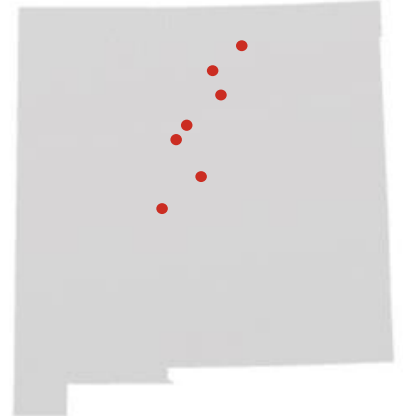
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About GEAR UP New Mexico

Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) New Mexico is a seven-year initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. GEAR UP New Mexico (GUNM), a division of the New Mexico Higher Education Department supports college and career readiness at middle and high schools across the state. The mission of GUNM is to increase the number of students going to post-secondary schools, enhance the college-going culture in our communities, and improve access and opportunities within state colleges and universities. GEAR UP New Mexico partners with eight high schools and seven middle schools in Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Española, Mountainair, Santa Fe, Socorro, and Taos to support over 7,000 students.



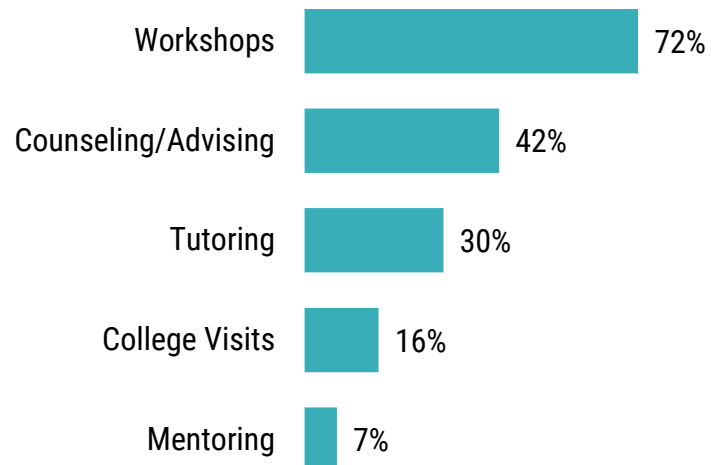
GEAR UP New Mexico Activities

During the 2022-2023 school year, 83% of students participated in at least one GEAR UP activity. Highlights from 2022-2023 GUNM activities are provided below.

- Over 1000 students visited 16 college campuses and career training centers.
- Almost three-quarters (71.6%) participated in GEAR UP workshops to reinforce careers, student success on the SAT, and community service.
- Forty-two percent of GUNM students participated in counseling and advising activities focused on 8th grade transition, AVID, college applications, dual enrollment, and college readiness.
- GEAR UP New Mexico hosted its first Pathways to Success: Empowering Native American Students for College and Career conference with students, families, and educators from across the state.



Workshops had the highest percent of students with participation likely due to the inclusive nature. While targeted services such as tutoring and college visits had lower participation, it is important to note they remain in the top five service categories as shown below.



I just want to say here GEAR UP is a big support. We are going on a college trip, which is great because it makes us look more into the colleges we prefer and what are the best choices and they are covering everything. So that's great help.

- GEAR UP Student

I think GEAR UP should be expanded. When I was in high school, I didn't have this opportunity. And I wish I did. It would have actually prepared me. If I would have had this kind of resource, it would have set me on a different path.

-GEAR UP Parent





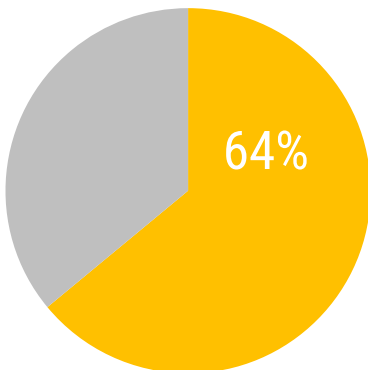
Postsecondary Enrollment

Forty-four percent of (n=1,026) GEAR UP New Mexico graduates from the class of 2022 enrolled in postsecondary within 1 year of high school graduation. The top five institutions include UNM, Santa Fe Community College, CNM, Northern NM College, and NMSU.

Most (93%) enrollees (n=421) attended public institutions. Eighty-three percent of enrollees attended in-state institutions, and more than two-thirds (70%) of enrollees attended 4-year institutions.



Nearly two-thirds of senior survey respondents plan to continue their education after graduation.
n=575



“When it comes to doing stuff like FAFSA. When you're applying you need a lot of information. And if you don't know what you're doing, that can be tough. So, just having that person who knows how to do it makes everything much easier.”

- GEAR UP student



FAFSA Completion

Completing the FAFSA is one of the best predictors of postsecondary enrollment. Seniors who complete the FAFSA are 84% more likely to immediately enroll in postsecondary education. Additionally, for students in the lowest socioeconomic quintile, FAFSA completion is associated with a 127% increase in immediate college enrollment (NCAN, 2019)

As of July 31, 2023, forty-eight percent of GEAR UP New Mexico seniors had completed the FAFSA. This is a 26% increase from the previous school year

