

Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind GEAR UP Project Year Five: 2004-05

Demographics

In Project Year 5, NAU GEAR UP served 43 students at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB), in Tucson; of these 43 students:

- ★ 11 were seniors; 15 juniors; 13 sophomores; 2 freshmen, and 2 were in post-secondary status (at ASDB)
- ★ 86% have been with GEAR UP since the project began five years ago, in school year 2000-01
- ★ 100% qualify for special education services

GEAR UP Core Interventions & Enrichments

During School Year 2004-05:

- ★ 31 students participated in **college/university visits**
- ★ 40 students benefited from more than 35 hours, on average, of contact with an adult **mentor**
- ★ 40 students received 36 hours of **tutoring** on average
- ★ ?? students attended a campus **residential summer program**
- ★ 100% of **families** of GEAR UP students were served through workshops, written correspondence or other GEAR UP parent-involvement activities.

Outcomes & Highlights

Stanford Achievement Test 9 (SAT9) Results

Regardless of actual grade-level placements, Special Education students take the SAT9 at the grade level identified in their Individual Education Plans (IEP); for GEAR UP students at ASDB, these "IEP grade levels" range from 2nd to 9th grade. Testing comparisons between spring 2003 and spring 2004 show:

- ★ One (1) student tested at the same grade level and scored higher in all three areas of the test (reading, math, and writing)
- ★ One (1) student tested at the same grade level and significantly increased scores in math and writing
- ★ One (1) student tested at the same grade level and significantly increased his score in math
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Educational Expectations

One hundred (100%) of GEAR UP students, and 100% of responding parents, expect that the student will continue education beyond high school (Source: December 2004 student/parent surveys).