

Santa Cruz County GEAR UP Project Year 2004-05

Demographics

In Project Year 5, NAU GEAR UP served 100 students in Santa Cruz County who were in their junior year; of these total students:

- ★ 75 are at Nogales High School and 25 are at Patagonia Union High School
- ★ 96% have been with GEAR UP since 2000-01, when they were 7th graders
- ★ 12% are classified as English Language Learners
- ★ 10% qualify for special education services

GEAR UP Core Interventions & Enrichments

During School Year 2004-05:

- ★ 60 GEAR UP students participated in **college/university visits**
- ★ 15 GEAR UP students were enrolled in **honors or advanced placement** classes
- ★ 37 students received 174 hours of **tutoring** on average
- ★ 40 students benefited from over 96 hours, on average, of contact with a **mentor**
- ★ 8 students attended a campus residential **summer enrichment program**
- ★ 30 students experienced **job shadowing** opportunities
- ★ 100% of **families** of GEAR UP students were served through workshops, written correspondence or other GEAR UP parent-involvement activities.

Outcomes & Highlights

- ★ As ninth graders in 2002-03, NAU GEAR UP students at Nogales High School received higher NCE scores, on average, on the **Reading, Math and Language Arts** sections of the Stanford Achievement Test 9 (**SAT9**), than average NCE scores for a matched control group (See Table below).

Grade/Subject Area	GEAR UP Avg. NCE Score		Control Group Av. NCE Score	
	Nogales	Patagonia	Nogales	Patagonia
8 th grade - Reading	45	53	46	55
8 th grade - Math	44	53	39	59
8 th grade - Lang Arts	39	54	40	50
9 th grade - Reading	28	41	19	47
9 th grade - Math	45	58	37	68
9 th grade - Lang Arts	29	38	24	50

Stanford Achievement Test 9 (SAT9) Results

- ★ Two Santa Cruz County GEAR UP students were among only 35 students selected nationally to participate in a Youth Leadership Summit in Washington D.C., July 2004.
- ★ Parents of GEAR UP students in Santa Cruz County are afforded opportunities to participate in ESL classes, GED classes, and parenting workshops.
- ★ 69% of GEAR UP students, as well as 77% of their parents, expect that the student will obtain a bachelor's degree or higher (Source: December 2004 student / parent surveys).