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Wichita State University received two GEAR UP partnership grants: West Wichita GEAR UP and Southeast Wichita GEAR UP from the U.S. Department of Education. These grants, starting from fall 2017, totaling \$9.8 million over 7 years, will support 1,850 seventh grade students at nine middle schools to help prepare them for college and beyond.

New GU Award Highlights

Funded to Serve 1,850 Students 

Serves a Cohort of Students from 7th Grade through High School Graduation 

Will Serve 12 Middle and High Schools 

\$9.8 Million Total New Funding 

The schools that are involved in the GEAR UP programs are Coleman, Curtis, Jardine, Truesdell, Hadley, Hamilton, Marshall, Mead and Pleasant Valley middle schools, and North, South, Southeast and West high schools. Through these programs, students will receive support throughout middle and high school and into their first year of college.

“The GEAR UP partnership with Wichita State is a perfect example providing academic and social and emotional support for our students so they can get an idea of what the future holds for them,” said USD 259 Superintendent Alicia Thompson, EdD.

“Wichita State University is excited about the opportunity to impact the lives of students within the Wichita Public Schools. This is higher education and secondary education working together to make a difference in our community,” said Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement Marché Fleming-Randle, PhD.

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