

South Wichita GEAR UP



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South Wichita GEAR UP (SWGU) is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The overall goal of the project is to increase the number of high school graduates who are prepared for enrollment in postsecondary institutions. Annually, the project serves 925 students from six target schools in the Wichita Public Schools District from middle school through high school graduation. Wichita State receives \$740,000 with a required match that equals that amount. The project also tracks students through their first year of college.

Project components include career, academic and personal counseling, early intervention programs, cultural activities, mentoring, Saturday and after-school tutoring, and workshops and trainings for parents and professional educators.

SWGU has three main goals:

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation of students for postsecondary education.
2. Increase the high school graduation rate and postsecondary education enrollment rate of students.
3. Increase students and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing.

2016-2017 Highlights



925 Students Served



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



665 Students and Families Attended SWGU Family Events



Funded at \$740,000 Annually

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