

# South Wichita

## GEAR UP



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**S**outh Wichita GEAR UP (SWGU) is a U.S. Department of Education funded project. The overall goal of the project is to increase the number of students graduating from high school who are prepared for enrollment in postsecondary institutions. Annually, the project serves 925 students from six target schools in the Wichita Public School District (USD 259). Wichita State receives \$740,000 with a match equal to that amount. Over the life of the grant, all matching funds will total nearly \$10,000,000.

Project components include career, academic, and personal counseling, early intervention programs, mentoring, Saturday and after school tutoring, and workshops/trainings for parents and professional educators. SWGU main goals for project students and their families are to increase academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education; increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education; and increase knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing.

## 2015-2016 Highlights

Served 925 students

Accompanied more than 50 USD 259 educators to training conferences

Nearly 100 students attended summer camp opportunities

Provided an online virtual summer camp for students

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