Why should I apply to Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP?

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP can help you SUCCEED in school while preparing for college by providing services designed to improve your academic performance.

Who can apply?

STUDENTS grades 7-12 who are in foster care
OR
STUDENTS grades 7-12 Currently in State custody (KDOC/JJA)

All services are FREE for eligible students in Kansas.

Students throughout Kansas will receive educational supportive services. We help 2500 students annually. Foster care facilities benefit from expanded services and educational assistance for their students.

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP Mission Statement

The mission of Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP is to increase the number of students, with foster children as priority, graduating from high school and prepared for enrollment in post-secondary education, thereby enabling children to reach their full potential and consequently improving educational and social outcomes.

Scholarships

This program identifies resources, secures funds, and awards scholarships in cooperation with colleges and universities.

Direct Services

- College Campus Tours
- Test Preparation
- Educational Counseling
- Mentoring
- After School Programs
- Career Exploration
- Summer Academic Programs