

Parents and Teachers GEAR UP!

GEAR UP Institute for a College-Going Culture: Transition to High School

The GEAR UP Institute for a College-Going Culture: Transition to High School will be held March 5, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as a special session of KTLC March 6-7 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville.

Ninth grade is a critical year for your students. A successful transition to high school can mean the difference between meeting proficiency standards or not; the difference between qualifying for college or not. Learn from high school experts.

Institute Speakers:

Keynote Speaker, "Improving Academic Performance": Scott Habeeb, Solutions, etc. LLC and Assistant Principal, Salem High School, VA

"Understanding Freshman: Developmental Needs"—Brian Shumate, High School Liaison, JCPS and Ken Bailey, Counselor, St.

Joseph's Hospital, Lexington
"Learning from Freshman Academies"—
High School Panel: Barren, Green and Scott counties and Iroquois High School

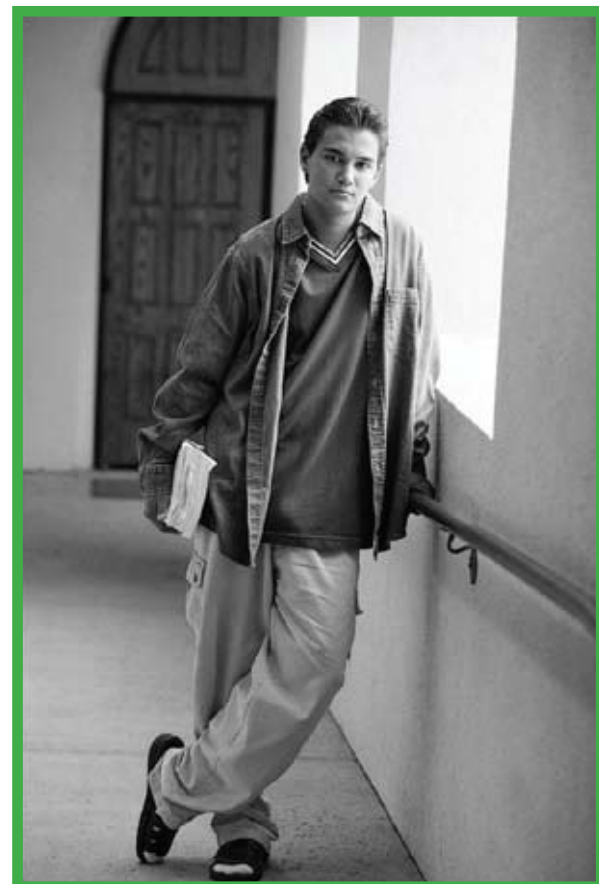
Register your school's leadership team and attend the whole conference! Just contact your GEAR UP Staff.

The Institute is sponsored by:

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The Kentucky Department of Education

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The official institute flyer was developed by The Collaborative for Teaching and Learning.



Register online for February and March ILP training

Online registration is open for hands-on, Web-enabled ILP training sessions at 11 locations across the state. Principals, teachers, counselors and student leaders will learn to use the student ILP and the school ILP, as well as how to implement the ILP in their schools. Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Individual+Learning+Plan/ILP+Training+Descriptions+and+Registration.htm>

Goal-setting important to high school students

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The completion of high school, postsecondary technical training or college, leading to a productive career and ultimately a comfortable lifestyle, is a worthy goal, one that should be instilled in all students.

The GEAR UP program provides this focus for students and implements a support mechanism to assist students and their parents in choosing a career, identifying coursework, tutoring if needed, selecting a college, and seeking the financial assistance necessary to achieve the desired career goal.

To quote Confucius, "Every journey begins with one step." Along this journey, an accurate road map is needed if one is to

reach the desired location or goal. Our students are in the beginning steps of a life-long learning journey.

GEAR UP and our schools are providing an accurate preparatory "roadmap" or "pathway" of coursework to achieve the worthy goal of a career. It is imperative that we stress to all students the importance of an education that is comprised of rigor, relevance, and positive academic relationships with post-secondary institutions so that the word "college" is not a dream, but a goal that is achievable.

Frank Kincaid, Superintendent
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A Berea College GEAR UP Partnership District

??Questions/Comments??

Do you have questions or comments about this issue of the GEAR UP Gazette? Would you like to submit your own story for publication in the next issue? If so, please contact:



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Your child benefits. When parents get connected to the school, students do better. Research shows students whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests and have fewer discipline problems at school.