



7th GRADE BENCHMARKS

GEAR UP recommends that all students meet these grade level specific benchmarks in order to graduate from high school ready for the postsecondary program or college of their choosing. Use this checklist to help you plan and keep track of your progress.

- Attend GEAR UP 7th grade orientation.
- Family attends GEAR UP 7th grade orientation and participates in quarterly family workshops.
- Perform at or above grade level in math, language arts, and science classes.
- Prepare for taking pre-algebra next year.
- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA above 2.4 on a 4.0 scale. A 3.0 GPA is the minimum for many colleges.
- Stay alcohol-free, drug-free, crime-free, and tobacco-free.
- Meet Standard on Smarter Balanced (ELA and Math).
- Promote to eighth grade.
- Participate in GEAR UP activities.
- Visit a postsecondary school campus.
- Attend events to learn about going to college and financial aid.
- Complete "The Vault" financial literacy curriculum.
- Learn about three or more postsecondary schools or programs.
- Learn about three or more careers.
- Participate in study skills and tutoring activities.
- Sign up for College Bound Scholarship.