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### **Beatty High School (BHS) GEAR UP Abstract**

This year, Amargosa Valley's 22 GEAR UP participants will be attending Beatty High School for the ninth grade. The GEAR UP program will welcome the existing 16 ninth grade students at Beatty into the program. The diversity demographics of the school are: 2.9% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 2.5% Asian/Pacific Islander, 30.1% Hispanic, 1.3% African American and 63.2% Caucasian. In addition, 58.3% of students participate in the Free or Reduced Lunch program.

A tutor and GEAR UP coordinator will be working with the teachers to oversee program guidelines, student and parental activities and data entry into the Nevada GEAR UP website. All students have an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) in place and a counselor will be meeting with each student throughout the year to assure that the goals set out in that plan are being followed and met. Students will be provided with information concerning higher education options, courses required to meet their educational goals and financial aid avenues to assist in financing their postsecondary education.

Beatty High School will host a GEAR UP orientation meeting at the beginning of the school year for both parents and students. This will allow the opportunity for students and parents new to GEAR UP to get a better understanding of the program and continuing participants a chance to learn of any new aspects that have been added. The orientation will also be an opportunity for parents and students to ask questions and sign GEAR UP agreements. Group parent meetings will be held periodically throughout the school year to keep parents updated on the program and to get answers to questions.

A field trip is planned to Cashman Center in Las Vegas for career day and another to Pahrump Valley High School for their career day. Students will go to Las Vegas to shadow professionals during the workday or spend a day visiting businesses to learn different occupations. Also, college days will be arranged at University of Nevada Las Vegas, Great Basin College, ITT Technical Institute and Le Cordon Bleu College.