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### **Chaparral High School GEAR UP Abstract**

Chaparral is a comprehensive high school serving approximately 2,700 students: 52% male, 48% female. The diverse population includes 16% African American, 7% Asian/Pacific Islander, 51% Hispanic, 1% Native American, and 25% Caucasian. Additionally, 17% of the population is identified as LEP, 14% IEP, and 41% as Free or Reduced Lunch program. Chaparral is home to smaller learning communities which include a Ninth Grade Academy and three themed academies available to upper classman—Business and Science Technology, International Leadership, Arts and Media—for career pathway interests. The academies emphasize preparing students to meet academic goals and provide postsecondary employment opportunities.

Recruiting for the academies process takes place during the first week of second semester, with student ambassadors available during lunch to answers questions and promote the benefits of each academy. This year’s sophomores had an opportunity to attend group presentations before they committed to enroll in an academy. Individual five year Academic Plans reflect the choices made and guide academic and career counseling. Each Academy will provide field trips to appropriate programs at NSHE institution or business and occupational settings.

GEAR UP support will allow Chaparral to continue its mission of preparing students to acquire the skills necessary to reach their academic goals while becoming productive and resourceful citizens. In an effort to ensure students stay on track to graduate, we are committed to offering additional support through tutoring, credit retrieval and class size reduction. One of the main objectives for this year will be to provide technology accessibility and training to sophomore students. The GEAR UP goal of college access will be sustained by college and career related field trips as well as guest speakers. Parental involvement will be encouraged through enrichment activities on campus, *ParentLink*, monthly newsletters, and open forums.

Ron Guerzon, Assistant Principal, will provide program oversight.