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### **Hug High School (HHS) GEAR UP Abstract**

Hug High School will continue its work with the GEAR UP program originally started at Traner Middle School. This year's cohort of students are now in the ninth grade. Current demographic data available on Hug is as follows: 1.73% American Indian, 10.20% Asian, 57.93% Hispanic, 9.89% African American and 20.25% Caucasian. There are 15.5% LEP, 19.2% IEP, and 67.7% of the school's population is on the Free or Reduced Lunch program.

The Hug GEAR UP program will provide a continuous system of mentoring, advising and counseling for all GEAR UP students throughout the school year. Because this is the cohorts' first year in high school, a great deal of focus will be on learning about different careers, taking field trips to local colleges and educating parents on types of financial aid available for higher education. Importance will be placed on the continued effort to develop, improve and implement an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for each student with the help of the GEAR UP counselor and/or one of Hug's school counselors. All GEAR UP students will be given a career interest inventory assessment through the Career Resource Center and explore career opportunities through CareerCruising™. As well, special attention will be placed on those students who are at risk of failing. At Hug, there are built-in support classes for students who are struggling in English Language Arts or math. Free tutoring, *Smartthinking.com* online tutorials and a READ 180 lab is available. There is a bilingual Parent Involvement Facilitator (PIF) who works with parents on a regular basis to provide workshops and one-on-one counseling about academic planning and financial aid for postsecondary education.