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Tonopah High School (THS) GEAR UP Abstract

Tonopah High School is new to the GEAR UP program this year. The ten incoming ninth grade students from Esmeralda County School District have been participating in the first two years of the program will be joining 34 ninth grade students at Tonopah High School. The Tonopah students will be gaining their first experience with GEAR UP. Tonopah High Schools' diversity demographic is: 0.6% Asian/Pacific Islander, 15.3% Hispanic, 1.0% African American and 82.2% Caucasian. The Free and Reduced Lunch rate is 32.7%.

The Tonopah High School counselor will be working with the GEAR UP coordinator and tutor to implement the GEAR UP program. It will be the responsibility of the counselor to meet with students and parents to assure that the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) of each student is properly implemented and followed. Progress towards students' Career Cruising™ goals will be monitored by the GEAR UP coordinator and tutors. Adjustments will be made, when necessary, to keep students aligned with their specified goals and to assure that satisfactory progress is being made.

Tonopah High School will have a parent/student orientation at the beginning of the school year. This will be vital since many of the ninth graders will be new to GEAR UP and must be well informed of the program. During this orientation, parents will have the opportunity to sign GEAR UP agreements. In addition, more evening meetings will be held to update parents on the progress of the program and to answer any questions that might arise.

Tonopah will once again be hosting a career fair at the high school. This will give students and parents the opportunity to explore different possible career avenues. A trip to Western Nevada College, possibly in conjunction with Gabbs High School, is planned during the school year. A possible trip to Round Mountain Gold Corporation will give students the opportunity to learn more about the mining profession, which is currently booming. Also, visits to local museums will inform students about career possibilities in the history field.