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### **Valley High School (VHS) GEAR UP Abstract**

Valley High School serves approximately 3000 students: 49% male, 51% female. The diverse population includes 13% African American, 8% Asian/Pacific Islander, 61% Hispanic, 1% Native American, and 17% Caucasian. Additionally, 21% of the population is identified as LEP, 10% IEP, and 44% as Free or Reduced Lunch program

Valley is home to the International Baccalaureate Program and the Academy of Travel and Tourism. These magnet programs attract students from across the district. The academic rigor of Valley is reflected in the four National Merit semifinalists and four finalists from the graduating class of 2008. GEAR UP students participate in award winning programs such as Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AJROTC), speech and debate, performing arts, and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). Valley is also home to the Refugee and Smaller Learning Communities federal grants.

The Freshman Academy will focus on academic rigor and individual responsibility. All students use Cornell Notes; selected students are enrolled in READ 180. GEAR UP students will have opportunities to explore career interests and aptitudes as well as participate in field trips to local colleges. Parents attend a variety of open houses associated with the magnet and smaller learning community programs. Parents monitor student achievement through electronic access provided by *ParentLink*.

Feeder Middle Schools: Fremont, Knudson, Martin, and Orr.

Amy Stepinsky, Dean, will provide program oversight.