

GEAR UP Utah

2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT



GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

WHAT IS GEAR UP UTAH?

The GEAR UP program aims to assist low-income and under-served students in developing a productive academic mindset and provide strategies for building momentum and persistence in high school. This ensures they are prepared academically, socially and emotionally to successfully complete their education journey. GEAR UP counselors, tutors, and mentors provide services with a 100% student-focused approach that promotes academic progress.

OUR MISSION

To provide awareness, academic readiness, and opportunities for all GEAR UP Utah students by engaging them early, expanding their capacities, increasing student expectations for successful completion of high school, and supporting students in their pursuit of post-secondary education and future aspirations.

OUR VISION

GEAR UP Utah will excel at providing meaningful, high-quality services designed to empower individual students to graduate high school and succeed in post-secondary education.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

All data and information presented reflect GEAR UP Utah Grants 2, 3, and 4

25,325

STUDENTS SERVED

16 SCHOOL

DISTRICTS **75**
SCHOOLS STATEWIDE

93%

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

836,243

STUDENT SERVICE HOURS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Successfully completed the first year of the GEAR UP Utah grant
- In 2025, GEAR UP partnered with the UVU Excelerate Summer Program to offer college courses to its students
- Collaborated closely with UVU concurrent enrollment to extend college courses to all GU students and create further awareness with parents
- The program now offers the GEAR UP Utah Scholarship to all eligible students
- The program sent 6 school district personnel from Alpine and SLC to the NCCEP's District Leadership Institute

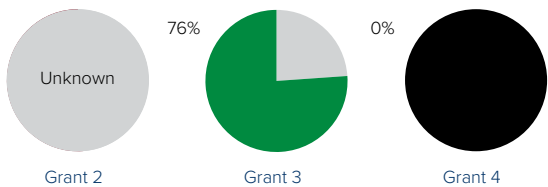
PROGRAM YEARLY OBJECTIVES

- Increase academic performance and preparation for post secondary education.
- Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in post secondary education.
- Increase participating students' success in their 1st year of attendance at an institution of higher education as measured by enrollment in their second year or completion of an employable credential.
- Increase GU students and their families' knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation and financing.

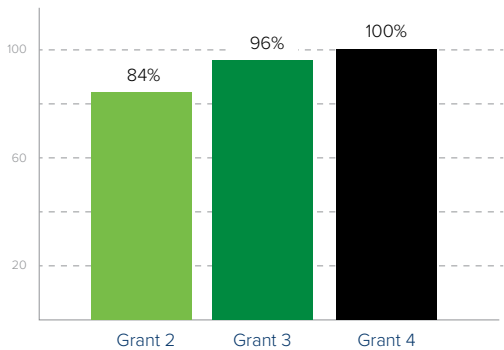
2025-26 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Continuation of new GEAR UP grant (2024-2031)
- Finalize No Cost Extension Period (2024-2025)
- Strengthen UVU Excelerate partnership
- Increase concurrent enrollment opportunities
- Strengthening First Year Services collaboration
- Expand GU services to high need middle schools

FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS SERVED

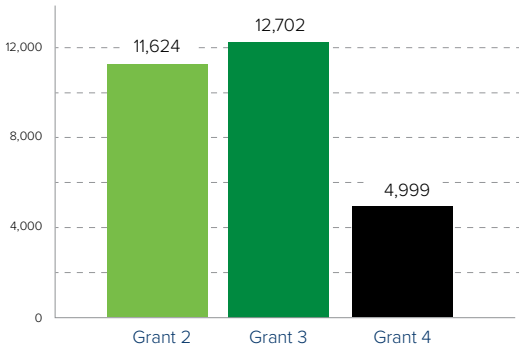


HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE



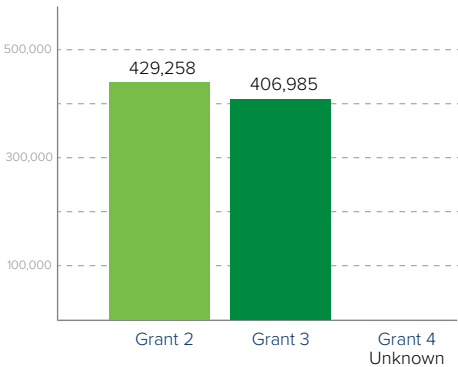
STUDENTS SERVED

**Grant 4 (2024–2031, in progress)*



SERVICE HOURS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS

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STUDENTS WHO START AS COLLEGE FRESHMEN EACH YEAR

