Advanced academic performance and post-secondary readiness is the focus of the Homework Assistance Program (HAP) which was established in 2008 as a collaboration among the pre-college TRIO programs and Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP.

In recent years, HAP has operated as a separate entity funded, in part, by the U.S. Department of Education and hosted by Wichita State University (WSU). The program has expanded its mission for the students who use the program’s services. The HAP staff believes that the competition for college admission has increased. College admissions is not just about graduating and academic achievement, but instead students entering college are challenged to demonstrate the discipline associated with rigorous curricula in the focus areas of writing, math, science, and technology.

Monday-Thursday HAP connects students with certified teachers and collegiate tutors, providing drop-in tutoring and homework assistance to eligible Wichita Public Schools students in grades six through twelve. HAP is not just an afterschool program. Collaborative services augment the objectives of TRIO and GEAR UP, as well as the current STEM education initiative. Students have access to laptops, a printer, and school supplies to complete their assignments and projects. In addition to tutoring, ACT, financial aid, and financial literacy workshops are conducted on a monthly basis.