North Wichita GEAR UP (NWGU) is a federally funded project. The overall goal of the project is to increase the number of students graduating from high school that are prepared for enrollment in postsecondary institutions. The project receives $740,000 annually for six years. The project will track students during the seventh year as they complete their first year of college.

NWGU serves seven schools in the Wichita Public Schools. NWGU serves a cohort of 925 students from seventh grade through graduation. Project services include career, academic, and personal counseling, early intervention programs, cultural activities, mentoring, Saturday and after school tutoring, workshops for parents and professional development for teachers.

The goals of NWGU include:
1) Increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.
2) Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.
3) Increase North Wichita GEAR UP students’ and their families’ knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing.

2014-2015 NWGU Highlights

- Math Academy Camps
- College Campus Tours
- Community Service Events
- Parent Workshops
- Academic Advising