

How does GEAR UP Kentucky schools access these services?

- Call the KYVU Call Center: 877-740-4357. (A GUK site facilitator may also call the center, at the request of the principal.)
- KYVHS contacts the principal or designee regarding number of students and creating student learning plans
- KY Virtual University sends letter of agreement to principal
- Principal signs and returns the letter of agreement to KY Virtual University
- KYVHS assigns an online teacher to the school/students

How does it work in my school?

- For information about how services selected will be implemented in your school, call **Dr. Randolph Hollingsworth** at the Council on Postsecondary Education, telephone: **1-877-740-4357**

How much does it cost?

- There is no additional cost to GEAR UP Kentucky schools—Title I schools must apply any unallocated Title I funds before requesting GUPPES
- Services are offered on a first come, first serve basis until the funds allocated for this service are depleted
- Certain GEAR UP Kentucky schools will be given priority (outlined below)

When is this available?

- Services are available NOW!

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Introducing



GUPPES...



GEAR UP
Preparatory Educational Services
FOR SCHOOLS

Academic Enrichment
Curriculum Development
Professional Development

GEAR UP Kentucky is working with Kentucky Virtual University (KYVU), the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) and the Kentucky Virtual High School (KVHS) to provide cooperating middle schools with *GEAR UP Preparatory Educational Services (GUPPES)*. The following new services are in addition to other activities funded by GEAR UP :

- Academic enrichment for the middle school student
- KVHS online courses
- Professional Development: *Spotlight on Algebra*
- Professional Development: *Vertical Teaming: Building Success*

Academic Enrichment

Academic instruction to improve student performance in mathematics, science and language arts. All instruction occurs outside the school day and is delivered online through the **Angel** and **PLATO** course systems. Instruction is facilitated by Kentucky certified teachers hired by the Virtual High School. For a list of the different curricula visit the website: <http://www.kyvu4k12.org>

Online Algebra Course for Middle School Students

Priority will be given for Algebra I delivered online through KVHS/ eCollege and taught by a Kentucky certified teacher. Other online mathematics courses not mentioned in this document are also available to middle and high school students. For more information visit: <http://www.kvhs.org>

Spotlight on Algebra

This is a flexible, web-based course developed by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to accommodate teachers' busy schedules. It provides high-quality skills for teaching algebra, including the use of clear examples. **Spotlight** is designed for middle grades mathematics teachers and teachers-in-training so they can instill in students a strong understanding of algebra and an everyday appreciation of the subject. This 16-week course offers up to 50 hours of professional development credit. (Class size is limited to 15 participants.)

Building Success: Vertical Team (Teachers)

(12-16 professional development hours)

This professional development workshop series is for teams of

teachers working across grade levels in a given curriculum to develop a vertically aligned program. The goal is to improve the academic performance of students in middle grades, by introducing skills and concepts needed for success in AP and other challenging courses. It is delivered by the College Board through Kentucky Department of Education. Teachers can earn 12-16 professional development hours. For more information, see the College Board website at http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/pre-ap/ap_vertical_teams

Building Success: Pre-AP (Teachers)

(12-16 professional development hours)

A two-day professional development workshop developed by the College Board for teams of English and History teachers in grades 7 and above, focusing on reading, writing, and communication skills. *Building Success* is specifically targeted at schools that serve large populations of students who traditionally do not participate in AP classes or go to college. Teachers participate in teams from the same school or feeder pattern. Kentucky Department of Education (Virtual High School coordinates the program—for more information visit the College Board website at http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/pre-ap/building_success

Criteria for School Participation

- Use school needs data to select services
- Target mathematics, science and writing/language arts subjects
- Obtain prior approval from GUK staff if other subjects selected
- First priority given GUK middle schools with an *accountability index of 60 or below*.
- Second priority given GUK middle schools with *accountability index is between 60 and 75* that request the Building Success: Vertical Team workshop, and had an increase in the percent of students performing at the novice level on the latest CATS testing.
- Note: online instruction made available through GUPPES **must not replace** existing instruction.