



In-Kind Matching

What is it? How much will it cost my business or organization?

What does the SOSU GEAR UP Partnership do for our students?

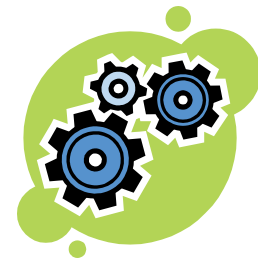


The partnership helps prepare about 1,800 lower-income students in Bryan, Choctaw and McCurtain counties to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. By providing the latest technology and professional development opportunities to teachers, informational meetings for parents and academic enrichment and college preparation programs for students, we hope to build the strength of southeastern Oklahoma by building the skills and education of its people.

Schools served: Achille, Bennington, Boswell, Broken Bow, Caddo, Calera, Colbert, Durant, Fort Towson, Hugo, Rock Creek, Silo, Soper, Valliant.

How does the SOSU GEAR UP Partnership work?

The SOSU GEAR UP Partnership is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The partnership must match the federal monies dollar for dollar with in-kind or cash donations.



What kinds of matching could my business or organization contribute?

- **Space:** You could donate the use of your facilities to promote the GEAR UP message or hold GEAR UP meetings.
- **Volunteer time:** Employees could donate time to talk with students about their careers or college preparation, or mentor students in core subjects.
- **Resources:** Buses to get students to college prep activities, food to serve at parent meetings, prizes to give students who work hard to prepare for college: whatever your organization has that could help us achieve our mission of preparing students for college would be great in-kind donations.
- **Services:** Your organization might already offer college prep services to our students, and we could work together to document these services as match.
- **Discounts:** Any discounts you normally offer for educational or federal organizations, or special ones you agree to give GEAR UP would be great in-kind donations.

Who are some of SOSU GEAR UP's current partners?



What do I need to do to partner with SOSU GEAR UP to prepare southeastern Oklahoma students for success after high school?

Fill out and sign a Partnership ID Sheet. You will assign us a person within your business or organization to work with our staff to document the ways you donate to the mission of the GEAR UP Partnership. Please contact the GEAR UP office for more information on how to partner with us to strengthen southeastern Oklahoma.

SOSU GEAR UP Partnership

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