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Weekly Time Tracking

The Department of Education requires the grant to document our time while students’ schedules are disrupted (i.e. remote or in person half of the time). We will continue to track our time until students are back in school full time.

When your district transitions back to the normal schedule for students, simply complete the Weekly Effort Reporting form to indicate you no longer need to complete the form.

Custom Data Reports Available Upon Request

Do you need any custom reports to show your district’s work or achievements in GEAR UP “Grant 1.0”? If so, the Evaluation Team is happy to help! Whether you’re wanting to show off your program or get your district excited for “Grant 2.0”, we can leverage your district’s data to provide promotional materials to superintendents, school boards, parents, or anyone else you’d like to reach.

Email Bethany Hill (hillbg@appstate.edu) and Andrea Reubens (reubensac@appstate.edu) with your wishlist to get the ball rolling!
Family Survey Update (as of October 13, 2020)

Over the past two weeks the district response rates have slowed down significantly. Low response rates will greatly impact some of our Performance Indicators (PIs). Please let us know how we can continue to assist you to increase the survey response rates in your districts.

The current response rate for the 11 districts stands at 1650 completed Family Surveys.

That is approximately, 16% of all the 10th - 12th grade families.

Throughout the family survey data collection, we have been learning the different ways and methods being utilized by the District Coordinators to help with the data collection. Some of these methods have included:

- Handing paper-copy surveys to families to complete at the school sites when they come to pick up their students’ materials for virtual learning.
- Sending survey reminders using their district’s GEAR UP Weekly Updates and GEAR UP Family Newsletter.
- Sharing the survey link and reminders on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Google-Drive), email, and school and district websites.
- Collaborating with teachers to include the survey link in their first-class period virtual agenda, and in virtual parent-teacher meetings.

We are learning that some districts are starting to transition with students on school campuses for in-person learning under reduced capacity, in addition to virtual learning. Please let us know if you will need paper copies of the family survey for students to take home.

If you have any questions or need assistance with ideas, please email Tongai at maodzwatl@appstate.edu.

Thank you again for all the hard work you are doing in your districts!
Student Survey Data Collection Reminder

Here’s a quick reminder that student surveys will begin on **October 19** and are scheduled to stay open until **November 20, 2020**.

No changes in the process have been made for the distribution of the survey. Students will need to use their PowerSchool ID to sign-in and complete the electronic survey.

We will be sending the link out to each of the district coordinators. For a reference, we will include a copy of the instruction document that shows how to log into the survey.

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Marketing & Communications Files

Do you need anything in our GEAR UP Resource Folder personalized? Do you want us to create something similar in your district? We can tweak any resource to fit the needs of your district, and we encourage you to brainstorm any ideas of how our resources can serve your needs! Districts may use any of the resources from this folder at any time. If a district wants to make any edits to an existing item in the folder, they will need to complete the Resource Request form. We will continually add items to this folder, so be sure to check back often. If you would like App State to print a resource in the folder, please allow 30 days for printing and delivery of the materials. Contact Elyssee Gibson (gibsonse@appstate.edu) with any questions.

New items in the folder include GEAR UP Guarantee marketing materials, test date reminders, social media posts, GEAR UP services login flyers, and more!

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Have Suggestions?

We love to hear your ideas! Do you have suggestions that will help us improve? At any time, please provide your feedback by clicking the button on the left. Thanks for taking the time to help us continuously grow and improve.