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COVID Related Cancelled Expenses

GEAR UP has received confirmation from the Department of Education that travel and other program-related cancellation expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic are allowable during this time. However, we must also know and show documentation that there has been a request for the refund of the cancelled expense and that the county policies are being followed for the reimbursement.

Please let a member of the GEAR UP Finance team know if you have any questions. Everyone please stay safe and healthy!

Distance Education Resources

As our schools work through the evolving pandemic, changes in state educational policy and challenges of teaching remotely, we recognize that it can be an overwhelming task to research, learn and implement the new tools required for distance education. This week GEAR UP is providing a curated list of resources for educators to help them navigate the stream of apps, and web 2.0 tools with some of the simplest and most accessible tools available to tackle the various tasks of distance learning. Please feel free to share and distribute this document accordingly.

Click the image to the right to be directed to the online resource Toolbox.
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.

Professional Development: Advising College-bound Seniors During COVID-19
Below is a link to slides from Rachel's presentation on admissions and financial aid counseling during the current situation. Please feel free to share with your school people -- anyone in our district high schools are welcome to contact Rachel with questions or for more information at friedrl@appstate.edu or (510) 225-8255. Please note that this information is constantly changing as higher education and college access organizations continue to respond to the current situation, so be sure to check trusted sources for updates regularly.

Want to offer a virtual professional development session for your school counselors, principals, or other staff? Contact Rachel.

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.