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Purchasing Goods for 9th Grade
Going forward, the purchase deadline for the cohort grade level that is phasing out will be Jan 31st (no longer March 31st). This is for material, supply, and equipment purchases. Any plans for purchasing these types of items for 9th grade classrooms will need to be purchased by this deadline and to ensure the shipping is received in a reasonable time frame from the order date. Purchasing these items after January 31st for classes which serve blended grade levels is allowable so long as the percentage of students in 9th grade is not the majority.

New Look for the Bulletin
As you may notice, our biweekly bulletin has a new look! The format is essentially the same, but the newsletter will now come as an email attachment directly from the GEAR UP App State team.

We are also reviewing feedback from you all as to what kind of content you want to see in the new-and-improved bulletin, and we will continue to provide relevant information to you. Thank you for your patience during this transition, and please reach out to Elyssee Gibson (gibbonse@appstate.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.
GEAR UP Guarantee

We’re so excited for all of the positive response to the GEAR UP Guarantee program that went live this week. If this is the first you are hearing of it, you can find more information in these two documents below. Additionally, more materials will be coming soon to help you spread the word to your students. We also wanted to clarify that all current high school students who apply as first-time freshmen at Appalachian are eligible for this program. This includes students from the early colleges and it will be in effect for all 4 current high school classes, which means this program can be shared with current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, in addition to current seniors.

What's New with ACT!?!

ACT has announced new initiatives to benefit students. These include: section retesting, superscoring, and online testing. Click the button below for more details.

Click Here

GY06 Contracts Update

The GY06 GEAR UP contracts have started going out via docusign. They most likely went to the superintendents with a copy to the GEAR UP Directors, so please make them aware that this is coming. The addition of docusign, we hope, will allow for a much easier signature process.
Survey Updates

Students Surveys
A link to the student survey has been sent to each of the districts as of Wednesday morning, October 16th. Each district should receive an email with the subject line, "Fall 2019 GEAR UP Student Survey". In the email will be a link students will use to complete the survey. Students will need to use their PowerSchool number to sign in. Also attached to the email is a copy of the instructions for logging in and getting started with the survey that can be shared with schools. Thank you in advance for all of your help with the student data collection.

Family Surveys
We are currently processing the Family Surveys that we have received from you. Thank you all for all the work in getting these surveys completed. As of now, we have over 3,900 surveys and more coming in over the next weeks! We could not have done this without your hard work. This week, we will be randomly selecting the winners to be awarded a $50 Walmart Gift Card for each of your schools. We will be reaching out to each of you with the name(s) of the winners in your district no later than this Friday, October 18th. Once we get the surveys processed/entered into the system, we will be able to notify districts of any schools that completed 70% or more family surveys.

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.

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.