

# IN THE KNOW WITH GEAR UP

Cedar Hill ISD



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## PREPARING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



We've all heard the old saying "time flies when you're having fun", right? Hopefully your scholar has enjoyed his/her educational journey thus far and looks forward to attending school each day. Ready or not, it is time to start planning for that next phase in life. Will it be college? If so, a two-year or four-year institution? Trade school? Military? GEAR UP is here to support all our scholars in the classes of 2023 and 2024 prepare for whatever is next in their paths. We strongly encourage you to start or continue having those critical conversations with your scholar about what he/she is interested in doing after graduation.

Here are a few tips to consider while helping your scholar map out a future plan.

- Consider interests and make sure the choice aligns with what your scholar really wants to do
- Visit several colleges/universities, if this is the chosen route, to determine the best fit
- Think about traditional versus online college options
- Definitely focus on the financial obligations associated with attending college
- Never stop applying for scholarships
- Volunteer, intern or get a job in your field of interest
- Never stop learning

The possibilities are endless, so whether your scholar has a solid plan in place already or not, continue to support and remind him/her the sky's the limit.



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**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY--MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION DEADLINE--THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**PRACTICE PSAT--WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS--FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**GEAR UP SPORTS SYMPOSIUM--SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 9-12**

**DON'T FORGET TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GREAT TUTORING SERVICES PAID FOR BY GEAR UP.**

**PRINCETON REVIEW ONLINE TUTORING PROGRAM--HOMEWORK HELP. LOG ON AT [\*\*Financial Tip of the Month:\*\* Visit the GEAR UP web site for monthly scholarship opportunities your scholars are eligible to apply for now. Remember, scholarships yield free money for college.](http://WWW.TUTOR.COM/CHISD/USERNAME=STUDENT ID/PASSWORD=DOB USING PERIODS (I.E. 12.02.2007)/ONCE IN ACCESS 24/7.</a></b></p></div><div data-bbox=)**

For more information on GEAR UP and its services and benefits, please feel free to contact your child's Site Coordinator or the Family and Financial Literacy Advocate, or visit the GEAR UP web site at <http://www.chisd.net/gearup>.

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