

# { Key Facts } 2015-2016

GEAR UP Virginia (GUV) is implementing programs and providing resources that are moving students closer to the goal of enrolling and succeeding at a postsecondary institution. During the 2015-2016 program period:

- 33% of GUV parents participated in at least one GEAR UP activity
- 632 teachers of GUV students participated in GUV-sponsored professional development programs
- 297 GUV students across the state participated in 3-day Summer Leadership camps at Old Dominion University, Virginia Tech, and Virginia State University
- 99% of GUV cohort students in 2015-2016 were promoted to 9th grade
- 43% of GUV students completed Algebra I by the end of 8th grade
- 78% of GUV students are performing at or above grade level in Math
- 77% of GUV students are performing at or above grade level in English/Language Arts

## { Who } GUV students are already learning about college and preparing for post-secondary education

**78%** of GUV students said someone from their school or GUV has spoken with them about college entrance requirements.

**65%** of GUV students said someone from their school or GUV has spoken with them about the availability of financial aid to pay for college.

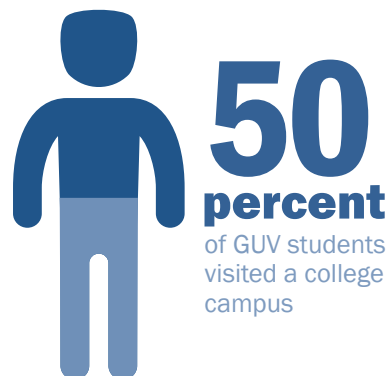
**95%** of GUV students expect to attend college.

**81%** of GUV students said college visits through GUV were helpful in helping them plan for life after high school graduation.

**66%** of GUV students said they have an academic and career plan for the future.

**92%** of GUV parents said they have spoken with their child about college.

**96%** of GUV parents believe their child will attend college.



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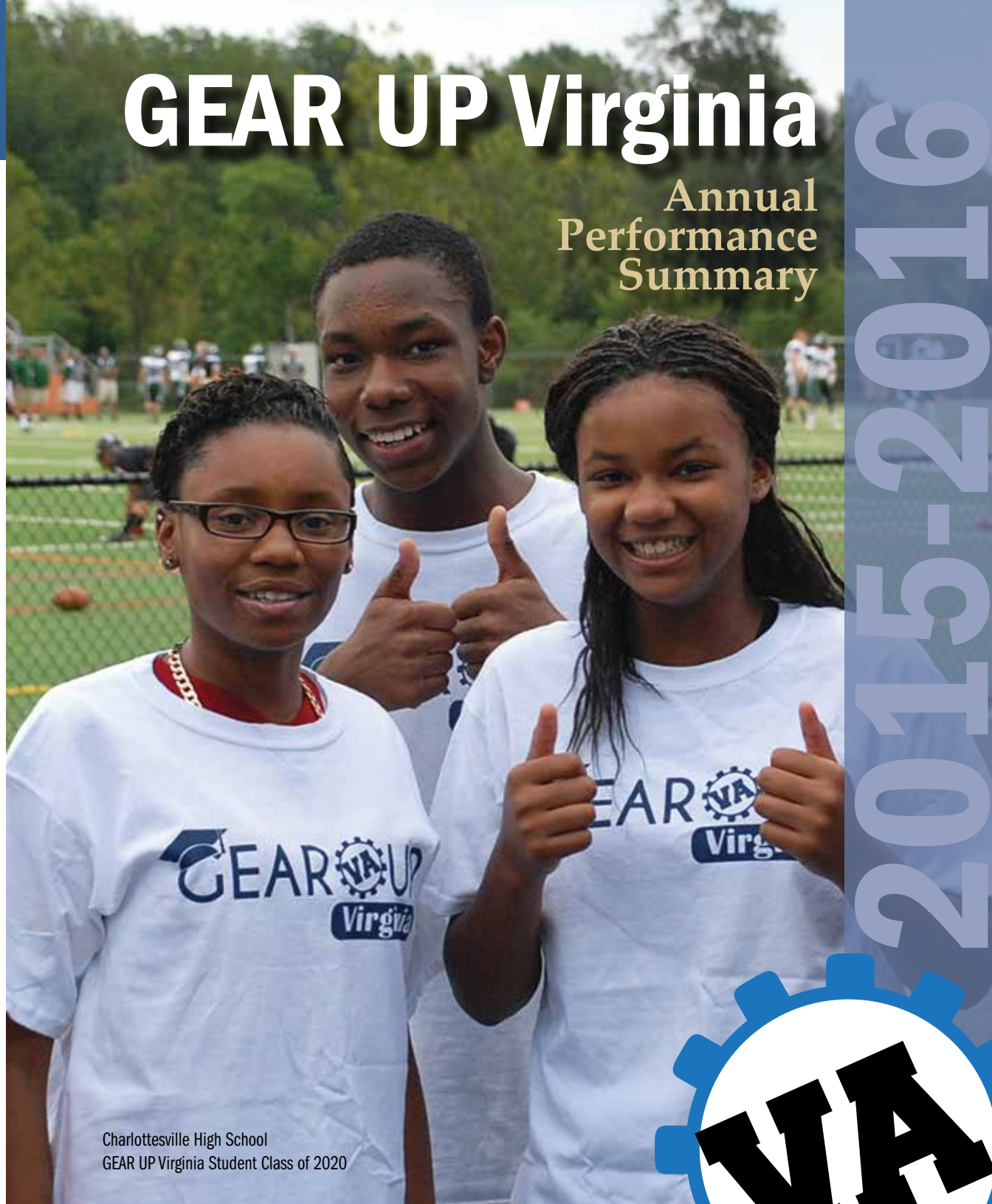
GUV partnered with the Virginia Department of Education, Virginia 529, Project HOPE, the Virginia Latino Higher Education Network, Old Dominion University, Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, University of Richmond, Cool-Speak, Xcaliber, and the Princeton Review for statewide programming.



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# GEAR UP Virginia

## Annual Performance Summary



Charlottesville High School  
GEAR UP Virginia Student Class of 2020

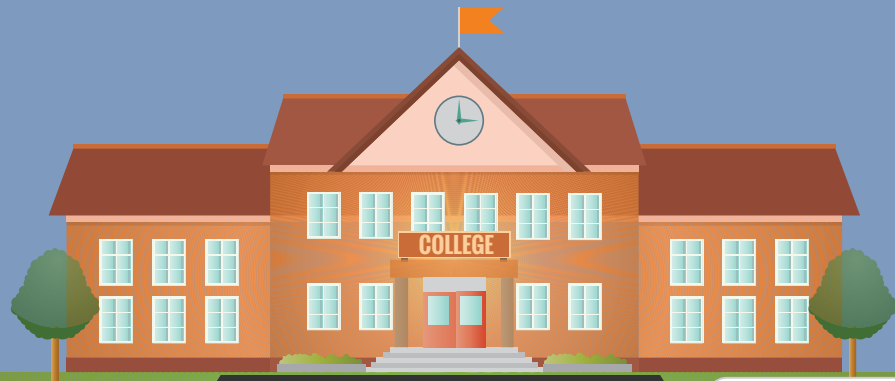


2015-2016

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## Annual Performance Summary

GEAR UP Virginia (GUV) finished year two of a \$22 million seven-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education designed to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. This is Virginia's third statewide GEAR UP grant administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).



### 5 Goals

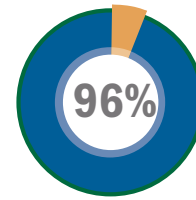
Improve college readiness rates

Increase the academic performance and college preparation of students

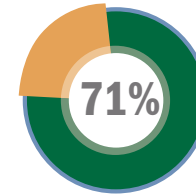
Increase college enrollment rates

Increase knowledge of college and financial aid among students and their families

Increase the number of students in rigorous courses



96% of GUV students were promoted to eighth grade at the end of the 2014-15 school year



71% of GUV students said they were confident or very confident of their ability to pass Virginia Standards-of-Learning assessments

Through the creation and execution of annual implementation plans, school-based GUV teams are moving the GEAR UP mission forward in a variety of ways. Within each plan, teams outline proposed activities for the academic year which include tutoring, mentoring, professional development, parent activities, financial aid workshops, college visits and more.

As Class of 2020 cohort students enter high school, GUV will build upon the current strengths of the program and continue to investigate partnerships and implement strategies that will improve student success in high school and assist students in achieving their postsecondary goals.

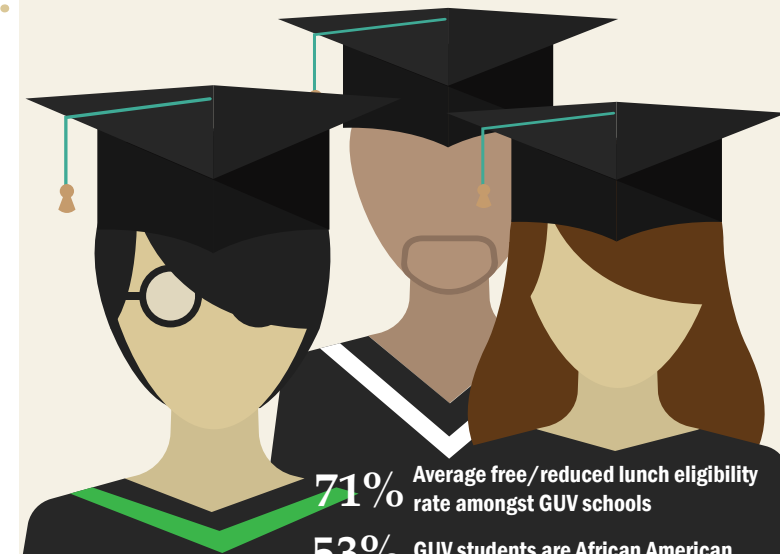
## { Demographics }

4,315 students

15 school divisions

27 schools

The program serves an entire grade/cohort of students beginning in the seventh grade and follows the class through their first year in postsecondary education. GUV also offers college preparation services annually to up to 50 homeless youth, during their senior year at four school divisions, and supports them through their first year of college.



71% Average free/reduced lunch eligibility rate amongst GUV schools

53% GUV students are African American

12% GUV students have an Individualized Educational Program (IEP)

9% GUV students are Hispanic/Latino

7% Students are considered to be Limited English Proficient (LEP)

April 2015-March 2016

## SERVICES

# Served

Counseling/Advising  
1324 Students | 187 Parents

Financial Aid Advising  
72 Students | 340 Parents

Mentoring  
359 Students

College Visits  
2143 Students

Education Field Trips  
899 Students

Job Site Visits  
485 Students