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North Wichita GEAR UP (NWGU) is a federally funded project. The overall goal of the project is to increase the number of high school graduates who are prepared for postsecondary enrollment. Wichita State receives \$740,000 annually from the U.S. Department of Education for six years with a required \$740,000 match. The project also tracks students through their first year of college.

NWGU serves seven schools in the Wichita Public School District. Annually, NWGU serves a cohort of 925 students from seventh grade through high school graduation. Project components include career, academic, and personal counseling, early intervention programs, cultural activities, mentoring, Saturday and after school tutoring, workshops and trainings for parents and professionals.

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation of students for postsecondary education.
2. Increase the high school graduation rate and postsecondary education enrollment rate of students.
3. Increase students and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing