

MI GEAR UP

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

GEAR UP PLEDGE

Student's Last Name

First Name

School Attending

MI GEAR UP is a program designed to help students prepare for college by making academically sound choices throughout their middle and high school years.

GEAR UP is jointly funded by Department of Education, the State of Michigan (WDA), and Michigan State University.

GEAR UP facilitates mentoring and offers college preparation and financial aid workshops.

Each student who participates in GEAR UP at Michigan State University, along with their parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to sign the following GEAR UP pledge.

As a MI GEAR UP student, I pledge to work towards the following goals:

- Graduate from a Michigan high school.
- Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average throughout school.
- Maintain a public school attendance rate of 95% or better.
- Michigan Merit Curriculum High School Graduation Requirements:
 - 4 credits – Mathematics; 4 credits – English Language; 3 credits – Science; 3 credits – Social Studies; 1 credit – Physical Education & Health; 1 credit – Visual, Performing and Applied Arts; Online Learning Experience; 2 credits – World Language
- Participate in Michigan's Career Preparation System (when available).
- Take the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) no later than 10th grade.
- Take the ACT in 11th grade and/or 12th grade.
- Take the SAT in 11th grade and/or 12th grade (optional).
- Apply for admission and student financial aid at a Michigan college (preferred but not required).
- Consent to provide data needed for evaluating the success of MI GEAR UP.

Student Signature

Date

As a MI GEAR UP parent or guardian, I pledge to:

- Hereby give permission for my student to participate in MI GEAR UP.
- Participate in an annual student portfolio meeting with staff.
- Attend at least one parent/teacher workshop each semester.
- Give permission for my student's image to be utilized in GEAR UP advertisements.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date