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2019 - 2020



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MISSION

The program's mission is to expand the college going culture within USD 261 using the cohort model. Haysville GEAR UP will be following the class of 2024 and 2025 through their first year of college. Through partnership with USD 261, Haysville GEAR UP provides students with direct services, including academic advising, mentoring, tutoring, college visits, and financial aid counseling.



OUR TEAM

Message from the Director

On October 1st, 2018, Wichita State University was awarded \$4.2 million dollars in funding from the U.S. Department of Education to implement GEAR UP in Haysville school district USD 261 through 2025. This opportunity would not have been possible without the essential help and assistance in writing the grant from the following people: Ms. Deltha Colvin, Associate Vice President of Office of Special Programs; Mrs. Corinne Nilsen, Director of Kansas Kids @ GEAR U; and Dr. Alana Dsouza, Policy & Analyst Director. The Haysville Gear UP team and our students thank you for your help in making this possible.



As a new program we had to start from the ground up and became fully staffed in April of 2019. Our office is comprised of a Director, one Database Coordinator, two College Access Coordinators, four College Access Advisors, and four College Access Mentors. All College Access Advisors carry a case load of students and are assigned to specific schools. Staff also work collaboratively to create and implement workshops, campus tours and educational activities outside of the school day.

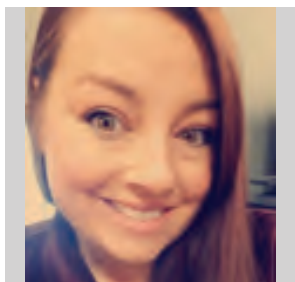
Fall 2019 brought on tremendous change for both Haysville middle schools as the GEAR UP program became fully integrated into everyday school life. Haysville GEAR UP excitedly anticipated this season of change as it was the beginning of after-school programs, homework assistance, weekend fun (GEAR UP U Series), college trips and of course, National GEAR UP Week.

Spring 2020 started off strong with campus visits, GEAR UP U Series workshops and family events. With the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic we had to make major adjustments in order to make this a successful semester. The Haysville GEAR UP team was able to rise to the call and embrace change as we transitioned all of our services to a virtual platform. The program continued to serve and connect with students and families as we navigated to remote learning. We are proud to have connected with over 80% of our students during this time and set the stage for our virtual summer program.

Our virtual summer program was a complete success. Students completed weekly projects over the course of four weeks. Each project consisted on building their math, english, soft and cognitive skills. The students embraced the opportunity and the challenge the program offered by thinking outside of the box and integrating critical thinking.

Our strong partnership with Haysville District Public Schools has been fundamental to reach our goals and objectives as program. Though we begin this year navigating through uncharted waters that is this pandemic, I am confident Gear UP will build on a fruitful first year and continue to serve and provide the support necessary for students to be successful thanks to the partnerships created and everyone's hard work and support.

Equity Warriors



Kelli Bennett // Database Coordinator

Kelli graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration and Emergency Management from University of Phoenix.

Kelli tracks students grades, attendance, and activities with the program.



Abby Powell // College Access Coordinator

Abby graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas with a BS in Neuroscience and a minor in Spanish.

Abby serves as College Access Coordinator for Haysville West Middle School.



Jose Hinojosa // College Access Coordinator

Jose graduated from University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) with a Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy and received his Juris Doctor from Washburn University School of Law.

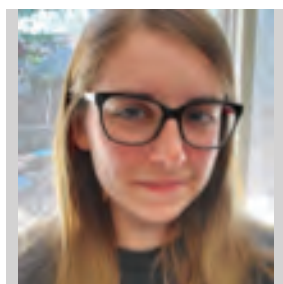
Jose serves as College Access Coordinator for Haysville Middle School.



Brett Lukert // College Access Advisor

Brett graduated from Wichita State University with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration.

Brett works with the 7th grade class (class of 2025) at Haysville West Middle School.

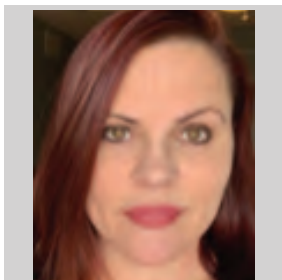


Danielle Whitmer // College Access Advisor

Danielle graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from Wichita State University. She is in school presently for her Masters in School Psychology at Wichita State University as well.

Danielle works with the 7th grade class (class of 2025) at Haysville Middle School.

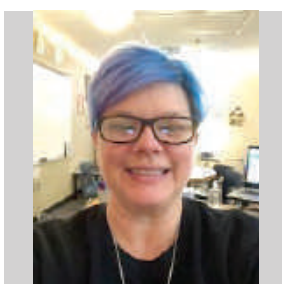
Equity Warriors



Laci Guthery // College Access Advisor

Laci graduated from University of Phoenix with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology and Walden University with a Masters in School Counseling. She is currently licensed in the State of Kansas as a School Counselor.

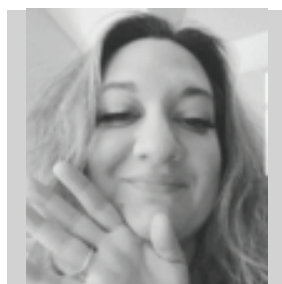
Laci works with the 8th grade class (class of 2024) at Haysville Middle School.



Niki Lee Smith // College Access Mentor

Wichita State University with a BS in Elementary Education, Southwestern College with a Masters in Adaptive Special Education.

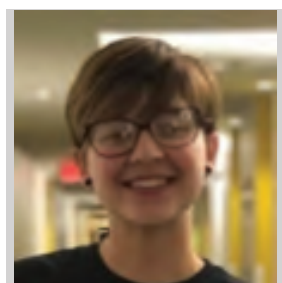
Niki helps students in the afterschool Homework Assistance Program at Haysville Middle School.



Sara Brown // College Access Mentor

Sara has a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Wichita State University. She has worked in Special Education for the last 15 years.

Sara helps students in the afterschool Homework Assistance Program at Haysville West Middle School.



Savannah Gann // College Access Mentor

Savannah is currently a Sophomore at Wichita State University. She is majoring in Communications with an emphasis in Journalism and a minor in Anthropology.

Savannah helps students in the afterschool Homework Assistance Program at Haysville Middle School.



HISTORY



The Haysville GEAR UP program at Wichita State University was first funded on October 1st, 2018. The purpose of the program was to expand the college-going culture in Haysville school district (USD261). Haysville GEAR UP aims to develop long-term, successful partnerships to support students in reaching college and providing them with the resources to succeed in college.

This grant provides college access and success services to all cohort students starting in the 6th and 7th grade and will continue to provide services through their first year of postsecondary education. The classes of 2024 and 2025 will be directly impacted by the program. Haysville District has an increase with student enrollment the following year the grant was approved. Haysville GEAR UP serves a little over 950 students total.



Overview

Haysville GEAR UP follows a cohort or whole-grade model, meaning that services are provided to all students in the participating grade level, rather than a selected group of students.

- 912 Students
- Academic Support
- College & Career Prep
- Workshops: STEM, Soft & Cognitive Skills, GRIT and summer program

PROGRAM GOALS

Mission of GEAR UP is that all students are academically, socially and financially prepared to enter and complete the postsecondary program or institution of their choice.



Haysville Middle School

Serving 270 students in 7th grade.

Serving 269 students in 8th grade.

539

Haysville West Middle School

Serving 170 students in 7th grade.

Serving 203 students in 8th grade.

373



Increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.



Increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in post-secondary education of GEAR UP students.



Increase GEAR UP students' and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing.

Empowerment Model

USD 261 Haysville Schools

Topics such as STEM, financial literacy, academic (English and Math), social skills, college and career exploration workshops address personal goals and objectives to create a balance between personal and academic growth.

Academic Foundation



College Awareness



Parent Involvement



Non-Cognitive Skills



Academic Foundation

- * Individual College Success Plan
These individualized plans created for each student, focuses the students on their need for academic achievement; personal reading remediation plans.
- * Remedial Labs
- * Tutoring & Mentoring
- * Assessments (English and Math)
- * Study & Test-taking Skill Development with a focus on ACT preparation
- * Extended learning during lunch periods

College Awareness

- Test-taking Preparation
- College Visits
- College Fairs
- Career Exploration
- Financial Aid

College Access Camp

- Academic – 2 week
- College Access & Awareness – 1 week
- Leadership & Life Skills – 1 week

IMPACT REPORT

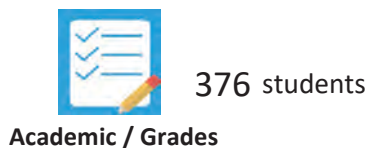
Haysville GEAR UP Impact Report

Haysville GEAR UP Activities from: **August 16th, 2019**
to: **May 15th, 2020**



912 students impacted

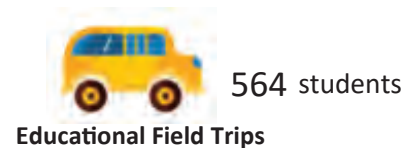
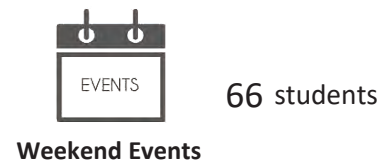
Academic Services



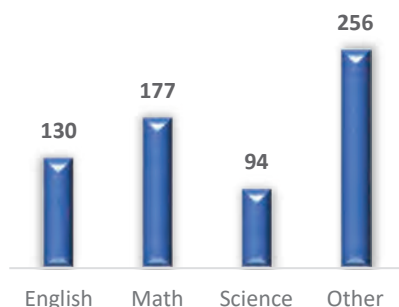
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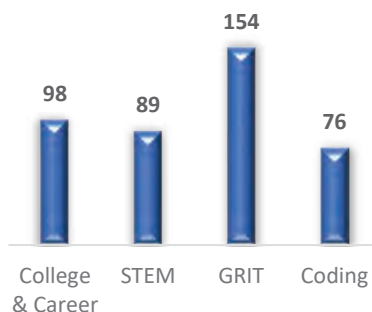
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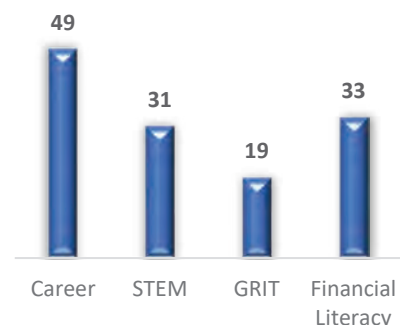
Homework Assistance Program



After School Clubs



Weekend Events



Clubs

GEAR UP CLUBS



CODING CLUB
Take your creativity to the next level and develop a digital masterpiece. Live by the code!



COLLEGE & CAREER

For students by students. Wanna be the one calling the shots? Come discover your inner leader and get your FUTURE on!



HARRY POTTER

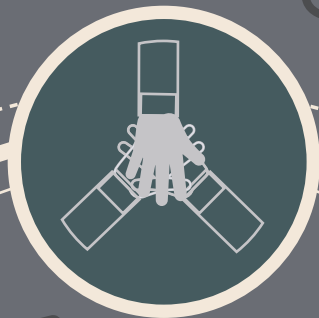
Hogwarts comes to Hawk Country!! Enter the wizarding world of Harry Potter through hands on and fun STEM activities.



HAYSVILLE MIDDLE
Monday - Thursday
4:00pm - 5:00 pm

SUMMER

Leadership
Activities



Community
Service



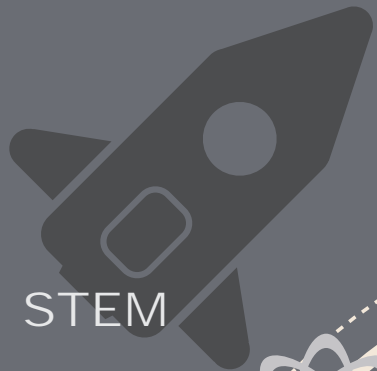
Campus
Tours



College &
Career



STEM



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GEAR UP KICK OFF!

National GEAR UP Day 2019



NGUD 2019



National GEAR UP Day event took place on September 25, 2019 at Century II Performing Arts Center. Nearly 1,500 students in the seventh and eighth grade from Haysville Middle School and Haysville West Middle School, and students with @Kansas Kids GEAR UP attended this event.

The conference themed “The GEAR UP Code” focused around characteristics of GEAR UP and how these characteristics could be applied to life. The powerful message about commitment from keynote speaker, Alex Sheen with “Because I Said I Would,” set the tone for the day. Students made personal commitments on “promise cards” provided by the “Because I Said I Would” organization.



GEAR UP Day

Participants then enjoyed a three-course catered meal. Musical entertainment by Contempo was provided. A meal etiquette lesson by Kianga Crowley of Simply a Lady Co. gave students tips and tricks on how to properly dine.

The students then went to nine separate rooms for workshops. Each student was able to attend two workshops. Each workshop focused on the characteristics of the GEAR UP code. Workshops were put on by GEAR UP professionals, community partners and advocates.



Community Partner Award Haysville District Public Schools



Fall 2019 Spring 2020



Clubs



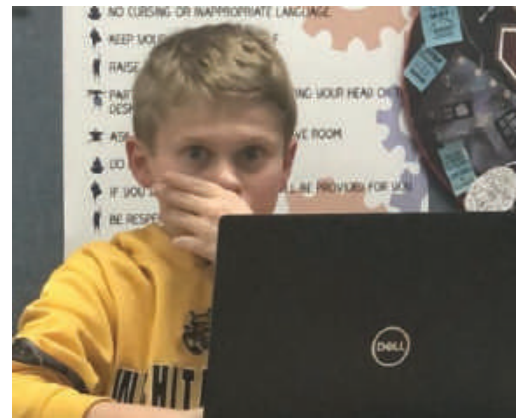
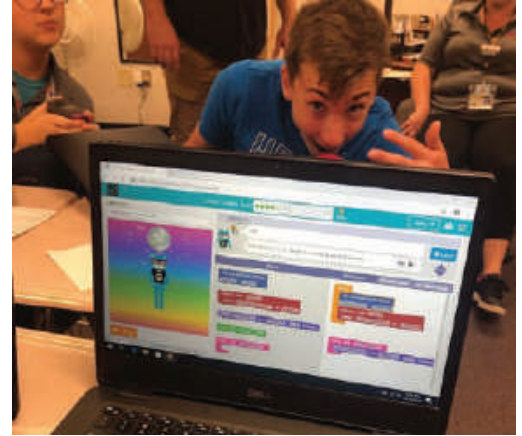
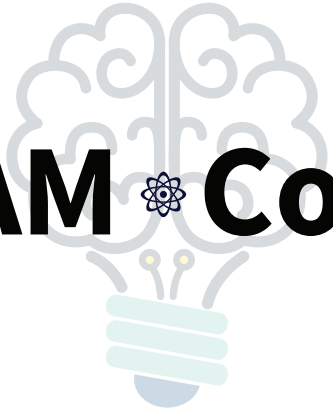
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS & HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

After-school clubs and homework assistance program (HAP) began for all GEAR UP students at the beginning of the school year. HAP provided extra academic support. The Harry Potter themed club gives students extra exposure with STEAM. Students also enjoy Harry Potter themed activities like shopping for materials in Diagon Alley, building a magical wand and planting a mandrake (plant).



Clubs

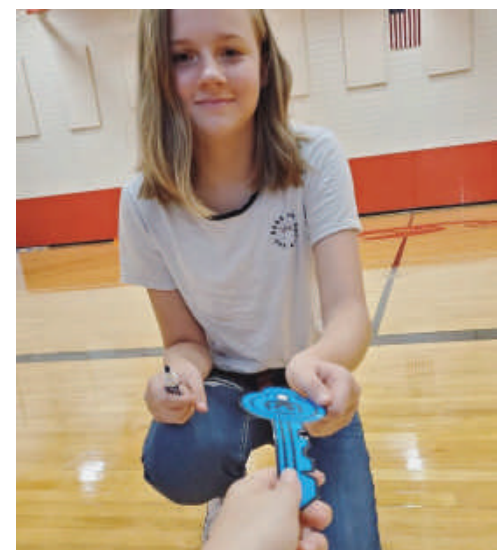
STEAM Coding



GEAR UP U!



GEAR UP U is a weekend series that started Fall 2019 where GEAR UP students participate in an activity that challenges their critical thinking. In September, students participated in an alien themed Escape Room at one of the middle schools. In October, GEAR UP took **GEAR UP U** students to make discoveries outside of this world at the Cosmosphere.



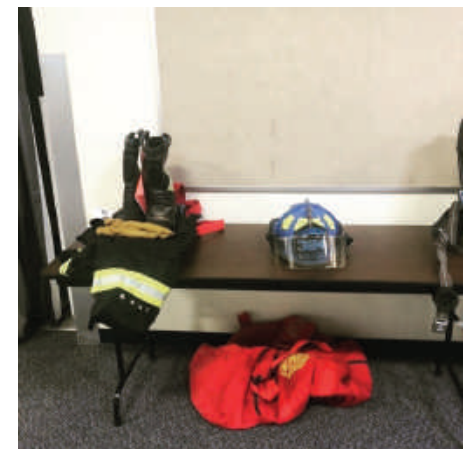
GEAR UP U!



Fire Science



GEAR UP U weekend series give students the opportunity to learn about different career fields. The Sedgewick County Fire Department (District 1) came taught (I need to look up what they covered that day).



College Visit

GEAR UP Haysville students took a trip to the Capitol building while in Topeka visiting Washburn University. The students had the opportunity to learn about Kansas history, tour the Capitol's breath-taking dome top and tour legislation, senate and house chambers.

At Washburn University, students met with admissions, toured campus, learned about campus life and other opportunities for them on campus.



College Campus Tour



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College Visit

WSU Tech





Klausmeyer Farm Pumpkin Patch



FESTIVITIES
FALL

Giving Back



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

GEAR UP students gave back to their community in big ways this past year. As part of fall program activities, students spent time at Diversicare Haysville. Students played games with residents and gave away prizes.

“WE WANT TO INSTILL IN OUR STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BACK”

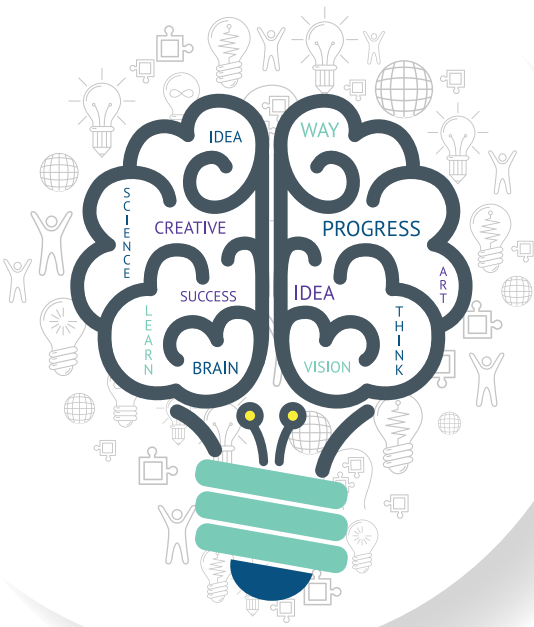
In February, students created posters to create awareness towards healthy relationships and domestic violence. Posters were displayed at each middle school.






2020 Virtual Continuous Learning

Virtual Services



Virtual Platforms




- Google Classroom
- Google Meets
- Social Media
- Call & Text

Student Services



- Lessons & Activities
- Academic Support
- Mentoring
- Workshops
- Campus Tours

Google Classroom




- English & Math
- College & Career Prep
- STEAM
- GRIT

Google Meets



Virtual Workshops
Tuesday - Thursday
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Daily link to join in Google Classroom

Social Media



- Messages & Facetime
- Announcements
- Resources
- Reminders

Virtual Services

Haysville GEAR UP Impact Report

Haysville GEAR UP Activities from: **March 23rd**
to: **May 15th**



682 students impacted

Communication



912 students

Communication



580 students

Phone Call / Text



118 students

E-mail / Letters



552 students

Social Media



128 students

Virtual Hangouts

Academic Development



755 students

Google Classroom



64 students

Workshops



410 students

Academic Advising



210 students

Completed



826 students

Individual Success Plan

Personal Development



32 students

Cognitive Skills



242 students

Mentoring



15 students

Career Exploration



4 students

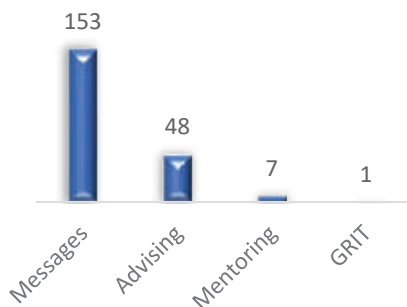
College Prep



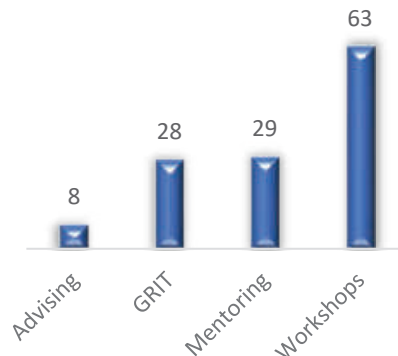
32 students

Virtual Campus Tour

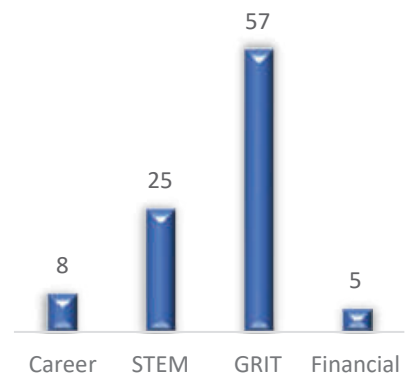
Google Classroom



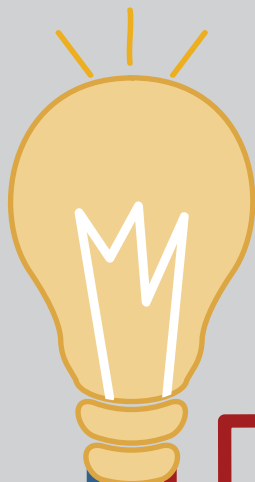
Virtual Hangout



Workshops



VIRTUAL SUMMER



Why Attend??

Fun Activities, Win Prizes and Stay Connected with GEAR UP!



June

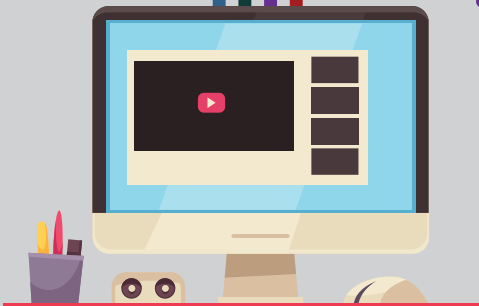
1st - 25th

SIGN UP by May 22nd!



Prizes!!

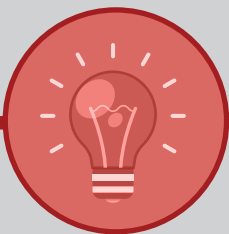
HGU Swag, Snack Buckets, Gift Cards, Airpods, Bluetooth Speakers, and so much more!



Dream Job

What are you passionate about?

Understanding your **Passion** and **"WHY"** and how that can be a successful career.



Be Your Own Boss

Have you ever thought about **starting your own business**? What would it be?

Learn the basic steps on starting your own business.



Create Your Own World

Want to **build your own empire**?

You will have the chance to create your own government on another planet.



Fantasy Vacation

What would be your **top location** you would like to visit?

Creating a list of places to visit, fun facts about the location, culture and how much it would cost to visit there.



Impact Report

VIRTUAL SUMMER 2020

WEEKLY PROJECTS

DREAM JOB



Life Style
Research - Salary
Budget - Expenses
Building a Resume
Mock Interview

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS



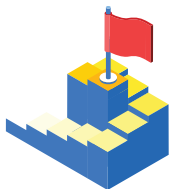
Business Plan
Research - Type of Business
Budget - Capital
Sales Pitch
Commercial

DREAM VACATION

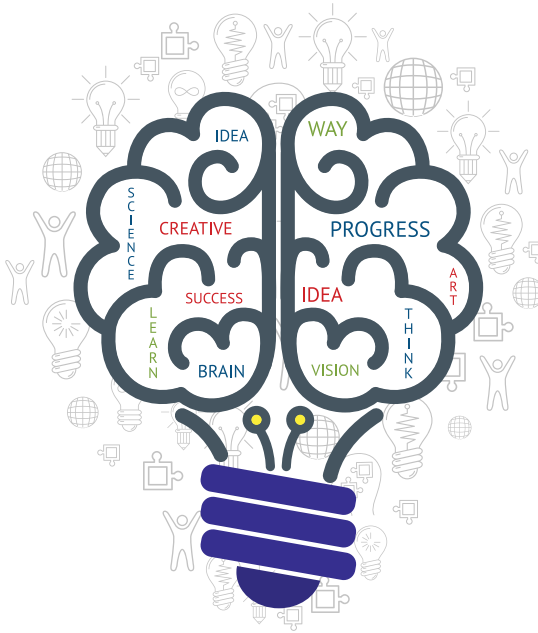


Destination
Research - Culture
Budget - Travel
Create a Brochure
Why should we go there?

CREATE YOUR OWN WORLD



Type of World
Research - Nature, Culture, Religion, Government.
Budget - Economy
Present Your World



REGISTRATION

123
Students

PARTICIPATION

86%
Completed
Virtual Camp

ASSIGNMENTS

Over 350
Projects
Submitted

Virtual
Hang Outs

Research

Critical
Thinking

Creativity



Life Skills

English


Math

GRIT

TOP 8 Projects were chosen each week.
Students were given points by attending virtual hangouts and completing assignments on time.



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