



February 9, 2022

Congratulations!

I am Ms. Jordan, Coordinator of Students for Accomack County Public Schools, and the Site Coordinator for Arcadia Middle School's GEAR UP grant funded program. I am excited to announce the GEAR Up program for ALL 7<sup>th</sup> grade students of Accomack County Public Schools. The GEAR UP program is geared towards: "improving college readiness, increasing college enrollment rates, increasing knowledge of college and financial aid among students and their families, increasing the number of students in rigorous courses, and increasing the academic performance and college preparation of students."

Accomack County Public Schools' was awarded the GEAR UP grant in November 2021, and due to the inclement weather days, our "kick off," was pushed back until this month. Attached you will find more information of this exciting opportunity for our students. In the event you do not wish for your child to participate in this program, "Opt Out," forms are located in the back of this packet. **Please return the "Opt Out," form to your child's school by Friday February 18, 2022.**

Some opportunities for our students will include college visits, and \$2500 per semester when they graduate and enroll in college. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are participants unless you "opt out," and they will remain enrolled until they graduate in 2027!

Again, we at Accomack County Public Schools are excited about this wonderful opportunity for our students and are "GEARed UP" for this journey. If you any questions please feel free to call me at: (757) 787.5760 or email me at: [della.jordan@accomack.k12.va.us](mailto:della.jordan@accomack.k12.va.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Della Jordan", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Della Jordan  
GEAR Up Site Coordinator, AMS