



Browning Middle/High School /WBH GEAR UP February 18, 2026 Board Report

GEAR UP

This week, the GEAR UP program focuses on strengthening postsecondary planning and scholarship processes for seniors. Revised scholarship procedures and guidance materials are established to better support students in navigating local, tribal, institutional, and national scholarship opportunities. Individual assistance continues to ensure students complete applications accurately and meet submission deadlines.

Staff actively guide seniors through final college decision-making, including reviewing acceptance offers, comparing financial aid awards, and completing enrollment steps. Support remains ongoing for students finalizing college applications and solidifying post-graduation plans.

Planning is underway for a Lunch and Learn session with 8th grade students to introduce early postsecondary awareness, academic planning, and goal setting. This effort strengthens intentional middle school engagement and long-term readiness.

The program also prepares students for upcoming ACT testing by providing information, resources, and encouragement to support participation and performance.

In addition, GEAR UP co-plans the upcoming Workforce Expo in partnership with Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO). This collaboration supports expanded career exploration opportunities and strengthens connections between students and workforce pathways within the community.

GEAR UP continues to work closely with students to ensure steady progress toward graduation while reinforcing clear and actionable plans beyond high school.