

Schools attend college and career fair

Students from Maud, Prague, and Varnum attended the college and career fair on September 12 at the Firelake Arena in Shawnee. The event was hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation with over 50 colleges and organizations attending to visit with students about their future plans after graduating high school. Various cultural presentations and drawings for prizes were part of the enrichment activities provided for students.



Varnum grade 9 students pictured above.

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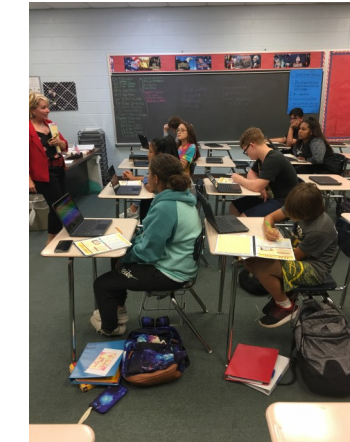


SSC GEAR UP DREAMCATCHER

ACT Aspire provided Leadership, Collaboration, ICAP

Partner schools were provided the opportunity to participate in the ACT Aspire. The ACT Aspire is an assessment that measures student understanding of concepts and skills outlined on the ACT college and career readiness standards. The interim assessments for grade 8 and 9 consists of four assessments in English, reading, math, and science four times during the year to gauge student progress in meeting and progressing towards the college and career readiness standards and benchmarks. The interim assessments will provide the school and teacher information to use to further teach students knowledge and skills in the four core areas to be better prepared for the Pre-ACT that is provided for students in grade 10. SSC GEAR UP and partner schools are working together to increase academic performance and preparation for students post-secondary educational opportunities.

The summative assessment for grade 9 is provided once in the fall or spring and is structured similarly to the actual ACT test. Students will be assessed in English, reading, math, and science. The summative assessment has a predictive Pre-ACT score that students will take as sophomores and an ACT score predictor when students take the ACT as a junior or senior.



Seminole Middle School students shown above, learned 21st century leadership skills including teamwork and collaboration as GEAR UP coordinator April Briscoe and SMS counselor Ginger Cummins teamed up to present and demonstrate the concepts including career awareness through the Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) and Okcollegestart.org.



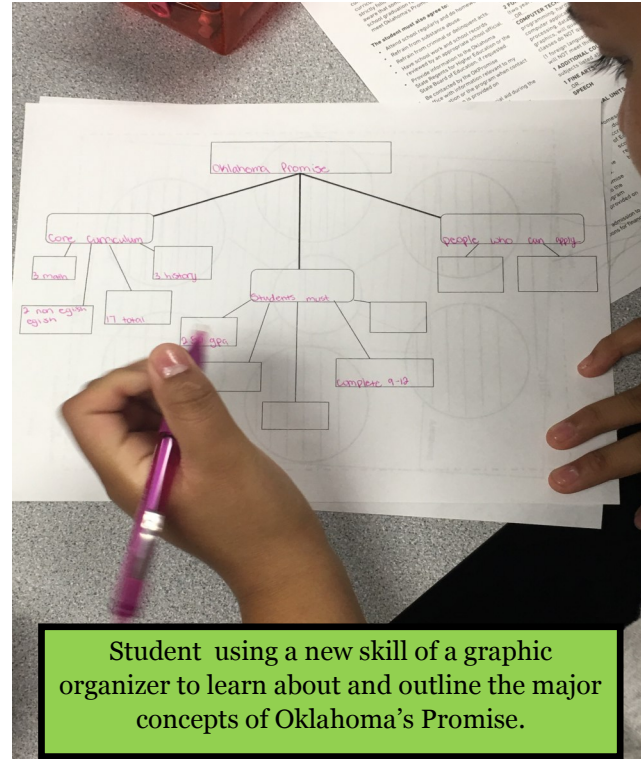
SSC GEAR UP has partnered with Signal Vine to better communicate with students and parents through a text messaging system. Students and parents will have the opportunity / option to opt in to receive timely text messages about college and career readiness activities from GEAR UP Student / Parent coordinators. Text messages may include reminders about college visits, education field trips, GEAR UP summer camp, ICAP, application submission reminders, tutor.com, scholarships, and many more to ensure students and parents have up to date information for their child's success.

ACT Aspire

Data that educators can use to build **effective** learning programs focused on **college and career readiness**.

Oklahoma Promise ✓

GEAR UP Student /Parent coordinators worked with parents during fall parent - teacher conferences at their respective schools assisting parents complete the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship application. Students in grades 8,9, and 10 can have their tuition paid for at an Oklahoma public college or university if they are eligible **and** complete the Oklahoma's Promise application. Family adjusted income up to 55,000 annually qualify students for eligibility along with parent /guardian submission of appropriate tax records. Students can choose any career field to study for. A portion of tuition is provided through Oklahoma's Promise for private colleges and career technology education in Oklahoma as well.



Student using a new skill of a graphic organizer to learn about and outline the major concepts of Oklahoma's Promise.

Holdenville students visit ECU



Grade 8 & 9 students visited East Central University in Ada on November 13 learning about career areas, popular programs, clubs and organizations, and enjoying lunch in the cafeteria.

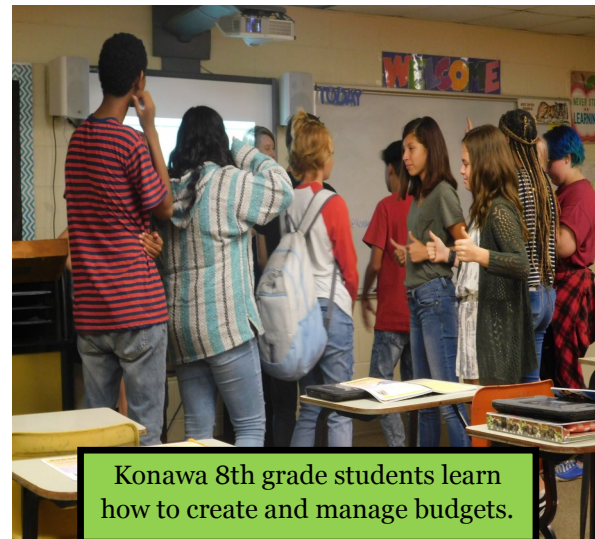
TUTOR.COM AVAILABLE

SSC GEAR UP has partnered with Tutor.com this year to provide students 24/7 on - demand tutoring from an expert in more than 60 subjects to get help with homework, study for a test, or write an essay. Students can get assistance from a tutor anytime they have access to the internet with either a computer, chromebook, or smartphone. All tutors are safe and reliable as they must pass an extensive background check before working with students. All sessions are recorded with printouts available from the session. All grade 8 and 9 students in SSC GEAR UP program have access to this **FREE** service to help improve their academic achievement. Student login information is found at [tutor.com/](https://www.tutor.com/)



SSC GEAR UP GOALS

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
2. Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
3. Increase GEAR UP students' and their families knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation, and financing.



Konawa 8th grade students learn how to create and manage budgets.

Budgeting 101

Konawa 8th grade students learned about budgeting in October. Students learned that a budget is a financial plan on income, savings, and expenses. Income can be money received as a gift, such as birthdays, babysitting, employment or other means. The students had the opportunity to create a budget and use a technology resource on chrome books called every dollar to track their income, savings, and expenses.



Prague freshmen tour OBU in September

OBU hosts College & Career Fair

The Prague High School class of 2023 attended a college and career fair in September on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University. There were over 80 different representatives from colleges, military branches, and technical schools on hand for students to visit with. After the fair, the students toured the campus and had lunch in the dining hall. Information on admissions, financial aid, and extra-curricular activities were presented to students.

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