



**Participating School Principals**

**Moore Middle School:** Mr. Lamont Mays  
**Richards Middle:** Mr. Mark McCain  
**Jordan Middle School :** Ms. Melissa Miller  
**Central Gwinnett High School:** Mr. Shane Orr  
**Discovery High School:** Mr. Robert Maffeo

**Moore Middle School Gear Up Director**

**Assistant Principal:** Megan Torre

**History of the Gear Up for Graduation**

The Gear Up for Graduation Program (formally known as the STEP Program) started at Moore Middle School (for the Central Gwinnett Cluster) in 2012-2013. The program was funded by a grant from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA).

The grant was in effect for 3 years ending in June 2015.

In 2013 GCPS started the Gear Up for Graduation Program at Radloff Middle School. This program was similar to the STEP Program, but was funded by Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS).

In 2015 the Central Gwinnet STEP Program was funded by GCPS and was called "Gear Up for Graduation."

In 2016, the Gear Up for Graduation Program at Moore Middle School served students from Moore MS, Jordan MS, and Richards.

In 2017, GCPS added its fifth Gear Up for Graduation Program at Summerour Middle School.

**Primary Goals**

- Accelerate the learning of selected middle school students
- Increase the number of students graduating on time from High School
- Engage students in relevant, career-focused learning, employing differentiated instruction
  - Increase student attendance rate from the prior school years
  - Increase positive behavioral choices from prior school years
- Provide ALL participating students an opportunity to experience sustained success

**Coursework**

Algebra I  
Algebra Strategies  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature  
Physical Science  
Georgia Studies  
Introduction to Healthcare Science  
Health/Physical Education

\* Students have the opportunity to earn 6 Carnegie Units towards graduation and start high school as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader the following school year.