Campus: _____ District: _____

GEAR UP Participation Form

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Your child is invited to participate in the Region One Education Service Center GEAR UP Program.

GEAR UP, a federally funded initiative, is aimed at helping students and their families prepare for college success. Region One Education Service Center, with your child, his/her school, teachers, and principals, has already begun specific initiatives to help your child prepare for education after high school graduation.

The goal of GEAR UP is to help students prepare for a high school pathway that leads to a college, university or technical school. Your child will have an opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- Presentations on study skills, organizational skills, career planning, goal setting, communication skills, financial literacy and leadership development.
- Tutoring in academic areas such as ELA, math, science, and social studies, including Pre AP, AP, IB and early college credit courses.
- Mentoring that offers guidance toward obtaining a college education.
- Field trips to local universities, colleges, and technical institutions.
- College admissions, entrance exams, financial aid awareness, and financial literacy for students and parents.

In order for the project to be a continued success, you and your child may be asked to participate in the following:

- Parent/guardian surveys
- Student surveys
- Participation in activities that support the goals of the

partnership Please check one:

_____ I give permission for my child to participate in the GEAR UP project.

_____ I do not give permission for my child to participate in the GEAR UP project.

The consent continues for subsequent years of the GEAR UP program **through August 31, 2031** while the child is enrolled in a participating GEAR UP school unless consent is revoked by the parent/guardian in writing to: Region One ESC GEAR UP Office, 1900 W Schunior, Edinburg, TX 78541.

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Student's Name ID#

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Sign and return this form within three days to your campus facilitator. If you have questions about this form, please contact the Region One ESC GEAR UP Office at (956)984-6092.