

GEAR UP IDAHO AT EMS



\$77,000

awarded in GEAR UP funding this school year to support EMS 7th and 8th graders.

GEAR UP Idaho is designed to help students see a clear path from middle school to life after graduation. The program combines academic support, career exploration, college and training awareness, and the development of essential skills such as communication, teamwork, professionalism, and civic responsibility. At EMS, GEAR UP funding allows us to provide students with meaningful experiences, resources, and community connections that help them discover their strengths, explore future possibilities, and understand how what they are learning today connects to their future education, careers, and lives.

August 2026 Updates

Sam Demma at EMS

GEAR UP funded motivational speaker Sam Demma to kick off the first day of school with a message focused on connection, kindness, and the impact of small, positive actions.

9. Citizenship & Civic Responsibility; 7. Professionalism/Work Ethic

Community Career Crew

Every Tuesday, in partnership with the 21st Century Grant, students participate in career exploration. This month included Emmett Creamery, the Emmett Police Station, and Stop the Bleed training with a Life Flight nurse.

8. Career Exploration & Development; 7. Professionalism/Work Ethic

Heart Check

In partnership with the 21st Century Grant, we launched a weekly "Heart Check" program. Students watch a Steve Hartman story and complete a short reflection about its message and how it applies to their own lives and community. We had **360 student responses** our first week.

9. Citizenship & Civic Responsibility; 3. Oral & Written Communications

Skyhawks After-School Program

We started a six-week Pickleball & Life Skills Club with Skyhawks Sports, giving students the opportunity to build athletic skills while developing teamwork and life skills.

4. Teamwork & Collaboration

Classroom Books

Purchased a classroom book set to support literacy and student learning.

1. Knowledge of Core Subjects; 3. Oral & Written Communications

Generation Genius

Purchased subscriptions to provide additional digital learning resources for students during after-school tutoring.

1. Knowledge of Core Subjects; 5. Digital Literacy

Yearbook Elective

Purchased supplies to support the new yearbook elective and its hands-on learning opportunities.

3. Oral & Written Communications; 4. Teamwork & Collaboration; 8. Career Exploration & Development

GEAR UP IN ACTION

Career exploration and hands-on learning at Emmett Middle School



Stop the Bleed Training



Emmett Creamery Career Visit



Emmett Police Station Career Visit



Learning with Emmett Police



Mock City Council Meeting with Chief Kunka