

February 8th, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

SMS is excited to share with you that the GEARS program is open to all students that wish to receive an after school homework support. GEARS, (**G**aining **E**arly **A**wareness and **R**eadiness in **S**uperior) is a precollege program funded through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. GEARS has existed since 2010 in a variety of formats.

This year, GEARS will run after school on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:10-5:00pm in the library. The program is staffed by SMS teachers and has volunteer UWS students who serve as tutors. The program is free of charge to all SMS students. This program is a voluntary program for students to attend based on their need of support with homework. Once students submit the appropriate paperwork (second page of this letter), they can attend the program on days when they wish to receive support with their homework. **Students must be dedicated to responsibly working on their homework. Students that do not utilize the time effectively will be dismissed to leave.** Transportation is not provided and is the responsibility of the student. Before the program starts at 3:10, students are expected to get their homework organized, gather all materials and go to their locker. Students will have the opportunity to attend the after-school dinner program with GEARS staff.

As a courtesy, parents/guardians will be able to check student attendance on an electronic attendance log sheet. To access the attendance log sheet please go to this website: <http://bit.ly/gears2021>. Attendance will be updated daily. While attendance is not mandatory, we believe this attendance log will help students be held accountable to where they are supposed to be after school. **Students are not allowed to hang out in the school without being in a supervised activity. Once students sign out of GEARS, they are expected to leave the building.**

Who: All SMS Students

What: Attend the after school GEARS program

When: Mondays and Thursdays, 3:10-5:00pm (Feb 22nd)

Where: SMS Library

Why: To receive support with homework

Transportation is not provided and is the responsibility of the student's family.

To sign up for the program, please fill out the form on the second page of this letter (front and back) and turn it in to the main office. Students cannot attend the program until the paperwork is completed and turned in.

For additional questions, please contact:

Marshall Disrude marshall.disrude@superior.k12.wi.us

715-394-8740

*Please note: Students **DO NOT** need to qualify for free/reduced lunch in order to be able to attend the program.*



Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
PRECOLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
PI-1573 (Rev. 08-2020)

Mail Application to:

College Applying To

UW- Superior

Precollege Program Name

GEARS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLEGE USE ONLY

Enter name and address of college or institution in space above.

You may receive a maximum of three DPI Precollege Scholarships per year.

STUDENT / PARENT INSTRUCTIONS: Student must be eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Meals, and must have finished fifth grade, but not have graduated from high school to receive a DPI Precollege Scholarship.

Fill out **Section I—Student Information completely**. Parent/guardian must sign in the space provided. Give this form to your principal or food services authorized representative at **your** school for completion of **Section II**. Once the signature is acquired through your middle or high school, mail the completed scholarship application to the college or university that is offering the precollege program.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name Last

First

Middle Initial

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number Area Code/No.

Email

Date of Birth Mo./Day/Yr.

Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

Check **only one** (For Statistical Purposes Only)

☐ Hispanic or Latino

☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Check **all that apply**. (For Statistical Purposes Only)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Black or African-American

☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

☐ White

Current Grade Level

☐ 5

☐ 6

☐ 7

☐ 8

☐ 9

☐ 10

☐ 11

☐ 12

Anticipated Year of High School Graduation

School Presently Attending

School District Name

No. of Prior Precollege Scholarships Received This Year

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE release of my child's verification of Free or Reduced Price School Meals eligibility to the Precollege Campus and DPI.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date Signed Mo./Day/Yr.

II. VERIFICATION AND RECOMMENDATION

Instructions to the Principal, Food Services Authorized Representative, or DPI/WEOP Staff Member

Verify that this student is eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Meals and forward this application form to the college or university where the student has applied for admission to a DPI Precollege Program.

Is this student eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Meals?

☐ Yes

☐ No

I HAVE VERIFIED that this student is eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Meals and I recommend this student for a DPI Precollege Scholarship.

Name of Authorized Representative

Aniti Maki

Title

School Nutrition Manager

Telephone Area/No.

(715) 394-8740

Verification Signature

Date Signed Mo./Day/Yr.

2/15/21

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Wing: _____

Parents/Guardians:

Please review the expectations of GEARS with your child below. Our goal is for all students to be successful in the program and utilize their time and support effectively. It is important for students and parents to know that GEARS is not an after-school hangout, place for socialization, or recreational laptop use. Consequently, those students that choose to not follow the guidelines will be dismissed from the program for the current day or the remainder of the program.

Expectations in GEARS:

1. Students must show up to the library classroom at 3:10.
2. Students are expected to be working on academic work through the entire session. If a student finishes their work, they will be expected to read quietly.
3. Laptops are to be used for academic work only. Playing games online and utilizing laptops for enjoyment is not allowed in GEARS.
4. Students that do not utilize their time effectively will be dismissed for the day or the remainder of the program. Parents will be notified via phone or email if a student is dismissed early.
5. If a student leaves GEARS before 5:00pm, they are expected to leave the building. Hanging out in the building after school is prohibited.

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Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Email: _____

Phone Number (available for contact between 3-5pm): _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Email: _____

Phone Number (available for contact between 3-5pm): _____

YOU MUST FILL OUT THE BACK SIDE OF THIS FORM AS WELL→