

## Project Goals

The following project goals have been established:

**Goal 1:** Improve the content knowledge of teachers in core content areas through the implementation of school-based professional development facilitated by a partnership between the university and the Professional Learning Community established at targeted schools as an outcome of this project.

**Goal 2:** Foster the development of a school culture that features high expectations for all students while providing the support and personalized learning environment needed for their success.

**Goal 3:** Promote the development of social support for students in developing social networks and instrumental relationships through the operation of Explorers Clubs.



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## LA GEAR UP

**Comprehensive School  
Reform Project for  
LA GEAR UP Schools  
2009-10**



*Strategies to Improve the  
Overall Academic Performance  
of LA GEAR UP Students  
Through Professional Learning  
Communities and LA GEAR UP  
Explorers Clubs*

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## Project Overview



Bunkie Middle School Explorers Club.

### Who Should Attend?

The Comprehensive School Reform Project for LA GEAR UP schools is an integral component of the LA GEAR UP program, and an essential element of the Summer/Academic Year Learning Projects. As such, it is critically important that every school participating in the LA GEAR UP program be represented in this project.

Two representatives from each school should attend; including the LA GEAR UP school coordinator and the school guidance counselor. School principals may designate other school representatives if these individuals are not available.

### How Do I Apply?

Application/registration forms may be accessed via the web at <http://www.latech.edu/lagearup/profdev>. Applicants should download a hard copy of the application AND complete the **online** registration. The deadline for applying is **May 22, 2009**, but applicants are strongly encouraged to register as early as possible. Each school must also submit a completed and signed **Principal Commitment Form**.

### Notification/Confirmation

Applicants will receive official notification of acceptance no later than May 29, 2009. Notifications will be sent out via e-mail and regular mail.

### Workshop Dates-Summer

The summer component of the project includes a one-week (30-hour) institute. The summer institute will be offered twice in July 2009:

**July 6-10, 2009**  
**Louisiana Tech University**  
**Ruston, Louisiana**  
**July 27-31, 2009**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**

### Academic Year Sessions

This project includes 18 hours of academic year follow-up. The first session will take place in conjunction with the LA GEAR UP Regional Conference to be held in the fall 2009. The culminating activity for this project is participating in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LA GEAR UP Explorers Club State Conference and Leadership Summit to be held in spring 2010 at Louisiana Tech University. Participation in this conference is a required component of the project and provides the remaining 12 hours of academic year follow-up.

### Participants Receive:

**Stipend. \$1,260** paid as follows: **\$900** following completion of summer institute; **\$360** following successful completion of all academic year follow-up, including attendance at the Explorers Club Conference in spring 2010.

**Graduate Credit.** All participants will receive **three hours** of graduate credit from Louisiana Tech University

**Expenses.** Travel expenses reimbursed according to state travel regulations and LaSIP policy.