

Music Violence Prevention

GEAR UP

with music



Gear Up with Music residencies feature music violence prevention (MVP) workshops, and the production and recording of an original student created violence prevention music CD. The residency culminates with students presenting their music and poetry to their peers and teachers.

Language arts and music are key curricular elements employed during the residency. Gear Up with music activities uniquely:

- Reinforces State Content Standards for grades 7-12
- Integrates the English-Language Arts Standard with the Performing Arts Standard
- Strengthens writing and literacy skills.



Middle-school youth throughout the US value music as a carrier of culture. Drafting lyrics, rewriting, reading and creating recordings are powerful instructional tools for learners and teachers alike.

Student writing covers subjects including: gang life, alcohol and drugs, abuse, bullying, racism and education. Working in teams, students develop and record a series of songs and poems that address tough issues in their lives.



By strengthening writing and literacy skills, honest and articulate voices emerge and life-stories evolve into powerful poetry & song.

Gear Up with Music works to reduce barriers that limit students' opportunity to succeed in higher education.



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