Blake High School Magnet Program:

- Visual, Performing and Communication Arts
- Accelerated Curriculum

Blake provides students in grades 9-12 with interrelated arts, technology, and academic program. This arts magnet program, housed within a traditional comprehensive high school, offers a college preparatory academic curriculum in addition to an intensive course of study in one of the following areas: visual arts, performing arts and communication arts. The Accelerated Curriculum Program curriculum includes an array of on-line courses and distance learning formats along with innovative scheduling of traditional and AP classes and hands-on learning to motivate students to achieve their academic goals at an appropriate pace.
**What is GEAR UP**

GEAR UP is a federally funded U.S. Department of Education program, which is also supported locally by the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. The program helps to prepare students for high school success and post secondary education. This Academic, Social, and Cultural Enrichment program leads to early understanding and awareness of undergraduate programs and 21st Century Careers.

The GEAR UP program strives to work as a team in order to support, encourage and facilitate the academic and social enhancement of its students by working collaboratively with University of South Florida faculty and staff, school administrators and teachers and community-based organizations. By providing a wide array of educational and enrichment supports and resources to GEAR UP students and their parents, the GEAR UP program is dedicated towards supporting students and promoting successful post-secondary placements into four-year, two-year and vocational and technical settings.

**What can your child gain from participation in GEAR UP?**

- Appreciation for learning
- Academic growth and improved grades
- Motivation and readiness to pursue higher goals in high school
- Preparation for college and career programs
- Social skills enhanced by conflict resolution
- Cultural appreciation of the arts, technology, and environment

**What are the Program Components?**

**Education**
- Case Management
  - Career Inventories
  - Individual Service Plans
  - Conflict Resolution
  - Advising
  - Advocating
- Tutoring (Extended Learning Program) / In-Class
- Community Service
- ACT/SAT Preparation
- Urban Scholars
- Technology Training
- Counseling (Family) Services
- Scholarships
- College Resources
- FCAT Labs (Math and English)
- Educational Enrichment - Books, Videos
- College Tours/Orientation
- Mentoring Program
- Summer Program

**Faculty Development**
- Staff Seminars and Trainings
- Curriculum Development
- Improved Professional Skills

**School Principal**
Ms. Jacqueline Haynes, Principal

**Principal Investigator**
Ruby Joseph

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**Saturday Academic/Cultural Program for Parents and Students**
Blake High School
Dates are as follows: September ‘04—April ‘05

**2004**
September: 11, 25
October: 9, 30
November: 6, 20

**2005**
January: 22, 29
February: 5, 12
April: 2, 16

**Student activities**
- Guest Speakers
- Character Building and Leadership Development
- FCAT/ACT/SAT Tutoring
- Recreational Activities
- Other Social and Educational Experiences

**Parent activities**
- Parenting Classes
- Leadership Development

**Special cultural awareness and educational activities**