School Name/Code: Valley High School/020507

Survey Type: Student

Grade Level: 7th and 8th

Number of Respondents (N): 144

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**School Level Response Rates:**

Surveys Administered:

7th grade - 93

8th grade - 75

Surveys Received:

7th grade – 79

8th grade – 65

School Response Rate:

7th grade – 84.9%

8th grade –86.7%

**Results (Percentages) by Survey Question**

1. **What is your gender?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | Female | 48.1% | 47.7% |
| Male | 50.6% | 52.3% |
| *No Response* | *1.3%* | *0.0%* |

1. **What is your race?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade %** | **8th Grade %** |
|  | White | 89.9% | 81.5% |
| Black or African American | 0.0% | 6.2% |
| Asian | 1.3% | 0.0% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0.0% | 1.5% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Two or more races | 6.3% | 10.8% |
| *No response* | *2.5%* | *0.0%* |

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | Hispanic or Latino | 2.5% | 6.2% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 92.4% | 89.2% |
| *No Response* | *5.1%* | *4.6%* |

1. **What is the main language you speak at home?**

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|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | English | 97.5% | 98.5% |
| Spanish | 1.3% | 1.5% |
| Other | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| *No Response* | *1.3%* | *0.0%* |

1. **Which of the following options best describes your family's total annual income?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | $30,000 or less | 3.8% | 7.7% |
| $30,001 - $60,000 | 11.4% | 15.4% |
| $60,001 - $100,000 | 8.9% | 10.8% |
| $100,001 or more | 6.3% | 6.2% |
| I'd rather not say | 67.1% | 56.9% |
| *No Response* | *2.5%* | *3.1%* |

**6. What is the highest level of education obtained by your child's Mother/Father?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | | **8th Grade** | |
|  | | **Mother** | **Father** | **Mother** | **Father** |
|  | Some high school | 6.3% | 5.1% | 10.8% | 16.9% |
| High school diploma/GED | 17.7% | 22.8% | 23.1% | 24.6% |
| Some college | 12.7% | 13.9% | 4.6% | 3.1% |
| 2-year college degree | 5.1% | 1.3% | 10.8% | 4.6% |
| 4-year college degree | 15.2% | 8.9% | 15.4% | 9.2% |
| Master's degree | 6.3% | 0.0% | 6.2% | 3.1% |
| Ph.D. or higher | 1.3% | 1.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Don't know | 32.9% | 43.0% | 29.2% | 36.9% |
| *No Response* | 2.5% | 3.8% | 0.0% | 1.5% |

**7. If you have other brothers or sisters, how many have attended college in the past or are in college now?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | 1 | 32.9% | 35.4% |
| 2 | 11.4% | 3.1% |
| 3 | 1.3% | 4.6% |
| 4 | 1.3% | 0.0% |
| 5 or more | 3.8% | 1.5% |
| I don't have other children | 27.8% | 38.5% |
| *No Response* | *21.5%* | *16.9%* |

**8. Do you plan to continue your education after high school?**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | | **8th Grade** |
|  | No | 3.8% | 6.2% | |
| Yes | 93.7% | 90.8% | |
| No Response | 2.5% | 3.1% | |

**8b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education?**

**9. As you think about your current skills, how confident are you of your ability in the following areas?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Math Skills | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 40.5% | 48.1% | 5.1% | 3.8% | 2.5% |
| **8th Grade** | 40.0% | 38.5% | 3.1% | 18.5% | 0.0% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| English/Language Arts | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 29.1% | 60.8% | 1.3% | 5.1% | 3.8% |
| **8th Grade** | 24.6% | 58.5% | 4.6% | 10.8% | 1.5% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Science | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 12.7% | 63.3% | 2.5% | 16.5% | 5.1% |
| **8th Grade** | 18.5% | 58.5% | 4.6% | 16.9% | 1.5% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Study Skills | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 24.1% | 51.9% | 6.3% | 13.9% | 3.8% |
| **8th Grade** | 20.0% | 40.0% | 18.5% | 18.5% | 3.1% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment* | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 45.6% | 32.9% | 11.4% | 5.1% | 5.1% |
| **8th Grade** | 24.6% | 50.8% | 10.8% | 10.8% | 3.1% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Ability to do well in college level courses in the future* | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 41.8% | 35.4% | 12.7% | 2.5% | 7.6% |
| **8th Grade** | 35.4% | 36.9% | 16.9% | 7.7% | 3.1% |

**10. What is the highest level of education that you think. . .**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **7th Grade** | | **8th Grade** | |
|  | **Would like to get?** | **Expects to get?** | **Would like to get?** | **Expects to get?** |
| **High school or less** | 6.3% | 6.3% | 4.6% | 10.8% |
| **Some college** | 16.5% | 11.4% | 18.5% | 18.5% |
| **Two-year associate's college degree** | 6.3% | 15.2% | 9.2% | 15.4% |
| **Four-year bachelor's college degree** | 30.4% | 25.3% | 27.7% | 26.2% |
| **More than a 4-year college degree** | 38.0% | 36.7% | 40.0% | 29.2% |
| *No Response* | *2.5%* | *5.1%* | *0.0%* | *0.0%* |

**11. Has anyone from your school or GEAR UP ever spoken with you about…**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **7th Grade** | | | **8th Grade** | | |
|  | **No** | **Yes** | **No Response** | **No** | **Yes** | **No Response** |
| **Availability of Financial Aid** | 70.9% | 27.8% | 1.3% | 58.5% | 38.5% | 3.1% |
| **College Entrance Requirement** | 68.4% | 30.4% | 1.3% | 43.1% | 56.9% | 0.0% |

**12. Are you knowledgeable about financial aid and the cost and benefits to you of going to college?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| No | 39.2% | 32.3% |
| Yes | 53.2% | 64.6% |
| No Response | 7.6% | 3.1% |

**13. Do you think that you could afford to attend one of the following types of colleges using financial aid, scholarships, and your family’s resources?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **7th Grade** | | | **8th Grade** | | |
|  | **A public 4-year college** | **A public community/ technical college** | **A public career/ technical center** | **A public 4-year college** | **A public community/ technical college** | **A public career/ technical center** |
| Definitely Not | 6.3% | 3.8% | 6.3% | 6.2% | 1.5% | 1.5% |
| Probably Not | 7.6% | 6.3% | 3.8% | 6.2% | 3.1% | 4.6% |
| Not Sure | 25.3% | 24.1% | 31.6% | 35.4% | 40.0% | 38.5% |
| Probably | 35.4% | 40.5% | 29.1% | 38.5% | 41.5% | 41.5% |
| Definitely | 24.1% | 22.8% | 26.6% | 13.8% | 12.3% | 13.8% |
| No Response | 1.3% | 2.5% | 2.5% | 0.0% | 1.5% | 0.0% |

**14. How much do you think it costs for one year of in-state tuition (your estimate should not include the cost of food, housing, or books) at…**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **7th Grade** | | **8th Grade** | |
|  | **4-year University or College** | **Public University or Technical College** | **4-year University or College** | **Public University or Technical College** |
| Up to $4000 | 10.1% | 6.3% | 12.3% | 12.3% |
| $4001 - $8000 | 15.2% | 21.5% | 10.8% | 15.4% |
| $8001 - $11000 | 19.0% | 20.3% | 13.8% | 23.1% |
| $11001 - $16000 | 16.5% | 16.5% | 13.8% | 20.0% |
| $16001 - $21000 | 16.5% | 11.4% | 29.2% | 15.4% |
| $21001 - $26000 | 5.1% | 12.7% | 10.8% | 13.8% |
| >$26000 | 15.2% | 10.1% | 9.2% | 0.0% |
| No response | 2.5% | 1.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% |

**15. How aware are you about the following topics (by percentage)?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Grade* | *Extremely*  *(Percent)* | *Moderately*  *(Percent)* | *Slightly*  *(Percent)* | *Not at All*  *(Percent)* | *No Response (Percent)* |
| **FAFSA** | 7th | 5.1% | 10.1% | 20.3% | 60.8% | 3.8% |
| 8th | 3.1% | 13.8% | 24.6% | 55.4% | 3.1% |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 7th | 6.3% | 17.7% | 24.1% | 48.1% | 3.8% |
| 8th | 6.2% | 33.8% | 27.7% | 29.2% | 3.1% |
| **ACT /SAT** | 7th | 2.5% | 38.0% | 25.3% | 27.8% | 6.3% |
| 8th | 15.4% | 44.6% | 23.1% | 13.8% | 3.1% |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 7th | 2.5% | 17.7% | 27.8% | 46.8% | 5.1% |
| 8th | 6.2% | 32.3% | 15.4% | 41.5% | 4.6% |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 7th | 2.5% | 11.4% | 26.6% | 55.7% | 3.8% |
| 8th | 3.1% | 24.6% | 21.5% | 47.7% | 3.1% |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 7th | 5.1% | 24.1% | 36.7% | 30.4% | 3.8% |
| 8th | 6.2% | 33.8% | 27.7% | 27.7% | 4.6% |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 7th | 6.3% | 19.0% | 25.3% | 44.3% | 5.1% |
| 8th | 4.6% | 30.8% | 16.9% | 43.1% | 4.6% |
| **Scholarships** | 7th | 26.6% | 34.2% | 21.5% | 13.9% | 3.8% |
| 8th | 23.1% | 44.6% | 21.5% | 7.7% | 3.1% |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 7th | 12.7% | 36.7% | 26.6% | 17.7% | 6.3% |
| 8th | 18.5% | 40.0% | 18.5% | 15.4% | 7.7% |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 7th | 27.8% | 30.4% | 21.5% | 16.5% | 3.8% |
| 8th | 33.8% | 35.4% | 18.5% | 9.2% | 3.1% |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 7th | 29.1% | 27.8% | 22.8% | 16.5% | 3.8% |
| 8th | 26.2% | 35.4% | 24.6% | 10.8% | 3.1% |
|  | | | | | | | | |

**16. How important have the following resources, individuals, or tools been in gathering information about your child’s options for college?**

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| **7th Grade** | *Extremely*  *(Percent)* | *Moderately*  *(Percent)* | *Slightly*  *(Percent)* | *Not at All*  *(Percent)* | *No Response (Percent)* |
| **College or university websites** | 11.4% | 26.6% | 26.6% | 31.6% | 3.8% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 5.1% | 20.3% | 26.6% | 44.3% | 3.8% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 7.6% | 29.1% | 22.8% | 32.9% | 7.6% |
| **College fairs** | 8.9% | 17.7% | 24.1% | 44.3% | 5.1% |
| **Television** | 20.3% | 27.8% | 25.3% | 22.8% | 3.8% |
| **Radio** | 11.4% | 22.8% | 30.4% | 31.6% | 3.8% |
| **Direct mail** | 12.7% | 16.5% | 27.8% | 38.0% | 5.1% |
| **E-mail** | 12.7% | 16.5% | 27.8% | 38.0% | 5.1% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 6.3% | 15.2% | 38.0% | 34.2% | 6.3% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 6.3% | 21.5% | 29.1% | 36.7% | 6.3% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 10.1% | 27.8% | 27.8% | 27.8% | 6.3% |
| **Text messages** | 12.7% | 13.9% | 25.3% | 44.3% | 3.8% |
| **School counselor** | 12.7% | 27.8% | 30.4% | 26.6% | 2.5% |
| **Family members** | 25.3% | 29.1% | 17.7% | 24.1% | 3.8% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 10.1% | 15.2% | 30.4% | 39.2% | 5.1% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 11.4% | 22.8% | 19.0% | 38.0% | 8.9% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | *Extremely*  *(Percent)* | *Moderately*  *(Percent)* | *Slightly*  *(Percent)* | *Not at All*  *(Percent)* | *No Response (Percent)* |
| **College or university websites** | 9.2% | 24.6% | 32.3% | 32.3% | 1.5% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 7.7% | 36.9% | 23.1% | 30.8% | 1.5% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 6.2% | 27.7% | 35.4% | 29.2% | 1.5% |
| **College fairs** | 9.2% | 27.7% | 30.8% | 30.8% | 1.5% |
| **Television** | 12.3% | 27.7% | 32.3% | 26.2% | 1.5% |
| **Radio** | 9.2% | 26.2% | 29.2% | 33.8% | 1.5% |
| **Direct mail** | 10.8% | 26.2% | 26.2% | 35.4% | 1.5% |
| **E-mail** | 10.8% | 26.2% | 26.2% | 35.4% | 1.5% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 7.7% | 36.9% | 21.5% | 32.3% | 1.5% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 9.2% | 27.7% | 30.8% | 30.8% | 1.5% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 6.2% | 29.2% | 35.4% | 26.2% | 3.1% |
| **Text messages** | 15.4% | 20.0% | 20.0% | 40.0% | 4.6% |
| **School counselor** | 26.2% | 32.3% | 21.5% | 16.9% | 3.1% |
| **Family members** | 26.2% | 27.7% | 23.1% | 18.5% | 4.6% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 6.2% | 23.1% | 30.8% | 38.5% | 1.5% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 10.8% | 24.6% | 27.7% | 32.3% | 4.6% |

**17. Which of the following do you need from your school or GEAR UP to help you be more successful in school and more prepared for college (check all that apply)?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Support Needed** | | **7th (%)** | **8th (%)** |
| More advanced classes (e.g., AP) | | 46.8% | 58.5% |
| Information about participating in GEAR UP events | | 38.0% | 33.8% |
| Tutoring | | 27.8% | 40.0% |
| Opportunities to participate in college visits | | 54.4% | 52.3% |
| Information about college entrance requirements | | 46.8% | 46.2% |
| Information about college financial aid/scholarships | | 46.8% | 44.6% |
| Leadership opportunities | | 35.4% | 32.3% |
| Summer activities | | 27.8% | 27.7% |
| Career exploration activities | | 40.5% | 38.5% |
| Test preparation | | 40.5% | 41.5% |
| Assistance with the college entrance process | | 44.3% | 36.9% |
| Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA) | | 36.7% | 26.2% |
| Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish) | | 29.1% | 18.5% |
| Other | Marine biology, money, online education, information about different degrees and college programs | | |