School Name/Code: Valley High School/020507

Survey Type: Student

Grade Level: 12th

Number of Respondents (N): 51

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**School Level Response Rates:**

Surveys Administered: 62

Surveys Received: 51

School Response Rate: 82.3%

**Results (Percentages) by Survey Question**

1. **What is your gender?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | Female | 54.9% |
| Male | 43.1% |
| *No Response* | *2.0%* |

1. **What is your race?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | White | 80.4% |
| Black or African American | 11.8% |
| Asian | 0.0% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0.0% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% |
| Two or more races | 7.8% |
| *No response* | *0.0%* |

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | Hispanic or Latino | 3.9% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 94.1% |
| *No Response* | *2.0%* |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | English | 98.0% |
| Spanish | 0.0% |
| Other | 0.0% |
| *No Response* | *2.0%* |

1. **How much money do you think your family made (before taxes) during the last 12 months?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | $30,000 or less | 25.5% |
| $30,001 - $60,000 | 13.7% |
| $60,001 - $100,000 | 17.6% |
| $100,001 or more | 9.8% |
| I'd rather not say | 33.3% |
| *No Response* | *0.0%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** | |
|  | | **Mother** | **Father** |
|  | Some high school | 11.8% | 5.9% |
| High school diploma/GED | 33.3% | 43.1% |
| Some college | 9.8% | 7.8% |
| 2-year college degree | 7.8% | 3.9% |
| 4-year college degree | 19.6% | 19.6% |
| Master's degree | 5.9% | 2.0% |
| Ph.D. or higher | 0.0% | 2.0% |
| Don't know | 11.8% | 15.7% |
| *No Response* | *0.0%* | *0.0%* |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | 1 | 31.4% |
| 2 | 7.8% |
| 3 | 0.0% |
| 4 | 0.0% |
| 5 or more | 2.0% |
| I don't have other brothers or sisters | 37.3% |
| *No Response* | *21.6%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Not Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **No Response** |
| Math Skills | 21.6% | 39.2% | 5.9% | 33.3% | 0.0% |
| English/Language Arts | 39.2% | 56.9% | 3.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Science | 19.6% | 54.9% | 7.8% | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| Study Skills | 31.4% | 47.1% | 3.9% | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| *Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment* | 39.2% | 47.1% | 2.0% | 11.8% | 0.0% |
| *Ability to do well in college level courses in the future* | 31.4% | 49.0% | 5.9% | 9.8% | 3.9% |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | No | 3.9% |
| Yes | 96.1% |
| No Response | 0.0% |

**9b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education (check all that apply)?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | My grades aren’t good enough. |  |
| It costs too much/I can’t afford it. |  |
| I need to work. |  |
| I want to work. |  |
| Family issues. |  |
| I plan to enlist in the military. |  |
| Other (please write in reason): |  |

**Other:**

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **12th Grade** | |
|  | **Would like to get?** | **Expect to get?** |
| **High school or less** | 3.9% | 3.9% |
| **Some college** | 11.8% | 7.8% |
| **Two-year associate's college degree** | 5.9% | 13.7% |
| **Four-year bachelor's college degree** | 37.3% | 45.1% |
| **More than a 4-year college degree** | 41.2% | 29.4% |
| *No Response* | 0.0% | 0.0% |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **12th Grade** | | |
|  | **No** | **Yes** | **No Response** |
| **Availability of Financial Aid** | 17.6% | 82.4% | 0.0% |
| **College Entrance Requirement** | 23.5% | 76.5% | 0.0% |

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **12th Grade** |
| No | 23.5% |
| Yes | 76.5% |
| No Response | 0.0% |

**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?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **12th Grade** | | |
|  | **A public 4-year college** | **A public community/ technical college** | **A public career/ technical center** |
| Definitely Not | 11.8% | 3.9% | 5.9% |
| Probably Not | 7.8% | 7.8% | 5.9% |
| Not Sure | 15.7% | 19.6% | 17.6% |
| Probably | 41.2% | 27.5% | 27.5% |
| Definitely | 23.5% | 41.2% | 43.1% |
| No Response | 0.0% | 0.0% | 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…**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **12th Grade** | |
|  | **4-year University or College** | **Public University or Technical College** |
| Up to $4000 | 3.9% | 27.5% |
| $4001 - $8000 | 39.2% | 23.5% |
| $8001 - $11000 | 19.6% | 21.6% |
| $11001 - $16000 | 11.8% | 9.8% |
| $16001 - $21000 | 13.7% | 7.8% |
| $21001 - $26000 | 5.9% | 0.0% |
| >$26000 | 5.9% | 7.8% |
| No response | 0.0% | 2.0% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Extremely* | *Moderately* | *Slightly* | *Not at All* | *No Response* |
| **FAFSA** | 21.6% | 54.9% | 11.8% | 11.8% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 5.9% | 13.7% | 29.4% | 47.1% | 3.9% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ACT /SAT** | 60.8% | 29.4% | 9.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 15.7% | 43.1% | 35.3% | 5.9% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 15.7% | 47.1% | 25.5% | 11.8% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 23.5% | 49.0% | 19.6% | 7.8% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 13.7% | 37.3% | 29.4% | 19.6% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Scholarships** | 45.1% | 41.2% | 9.8% | 3.9% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 49.0% | 31.4% | 19.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 72.5% | 17.6% | 5.9% | 2.0% | 2.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 70.6% | 17.6% | 9.8% | 2.0% | 0.0% |
|  | | | | | | | |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **12th Grade** | *Extremely* | *Moderately* | *Slightly* | *Not at All* | *No Response* |
| **College or university websites** | 27.5% | 45.1% | 19.6% | 7.8% | 0.0% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 23.5% | 31.4% | 27.5% | 15.7% | 2.0% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 9.8% | 35.3% | 31.4% | 21.6% | 2.0% |
| **College fairs** | 3.9% | 29.4% | 39.2% | 25.5% | 2.0% |
| **Television** | 5.9% | 37.3% | 27.5% | 27.5% | 2.0% |
| **Radio** | 5.9% | 23.5% | 29.4% | 39.2% | 2.0% |
| **Direct mail** | 15.7% | 54.9% | 13.7% | 13.7% | 2.0% |
| **E-mail** | 15.7% | 54.9% | 13.7% | 13.7% | 2.0% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 11.8% | 60.8% | 15.7% | 9.8% | 2.0% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 2.0% | 31.4% | 35.3% | 29.4% | 2.0% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 5.9% | 41.2% | 25.5% | 25.5% | 2.0% |
| **Text messages** | 5.9% | 21.6% | 19.6% | 51.0% | 2.0% |
| **School counselor** | 45.1% | 31.4% | 15.7% | 5.9% | 2.0% |
| **Family members** | 37.3% | 31.4% | 23.5% | 5.9% | 2.0% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 11.8% | 27.5% | 21.6% | 37.3% | 2.0% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 25.5% | 37.3% | 15.7% | 17.6% | 3.9% |

**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** | | **12th Grade** |
| More advanced classes (e.g., AP) | | 23.5% |
| Information about participating in GEAR UP events | | 52.9% |
| Tutoring | | 37.3% |
| Opportunities to participate in college visits | | 68.6% |
| Information about college entrance requirements | | 56.9% |
| Information about college financial aid/scholarships | | 64.7% |
| Leadership opportunities | | 35.3% |
| Summer activities | | 37.3% |
| Career exploration activities | | 54.9% |
| Test preparation | | 54.9% |
| Assistance with the college entrance process | | 58.8% |
| Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA) | | 66.7% |
| Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish) | | 17.6% |
| Other | Online education, information about different degrees and college programs, money, marine biology, math | |

1. **Have you or do you plan to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the next year?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | I don’t know what the FAFSA is. | 7.8% |
| I will not complete the FAFSA. | 2.0% |
| I might complete the FAFSA. | 19.6% |
| I will complete the FAFSA. | 68.6% |
| I have completed the FAFSA. | 2.0% |
| *No Response* | *0.0%* |

1. **Have you taken or do you plan to take the SAT or ACT tests in the next year?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | No | 5.9% |
| Yes | 80.4% |
| No Response | 2.0% |

1. **Have you or do you plan to complete a college application in the next year?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | I don’t know what a college application is. | 2.0% |
| I will not complete a college application. | 5.9% |
| I might complete a college application. | 9.8% |
| I will complete a college application. | 37.3% |
| I have completed a college application. | 43.1% |
| *No Response* | *2.0%* |