School Name/Code: Bluefield High School/051502

Survey Type: Student

Grade Level: 12th

Number of Respondents (N): 139

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**School Level Response Rates:**

Surveys Administered: 154

Surveys Received: 139

School Response Rate: 90.3%

**Results (Percentages) by Survey Question**

1. **What is your gender?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | Female | 46.0% |
| Male | 50.4% |
| *No Response* | 3.6% |

1. **What is your race?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | White | 69.1% |
| Black or African American | 25.9% |
| Asian | 0.0% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0.7% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% |
| Two or more races | 3.6% |
| *No response* | *0.7%* |

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | Hispanic or Latino | 0.0% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 94.2% |
| *No Response* | *5.8%* |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | English | 96.4% |
| Spanish | 0.7% |
| Other | 0.0% |
| *No Response* | *2.9%* |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | $30,000 or less | 29.5% |
| $30,001 - $60,000 | 23.7% |
| $60,001 - $100,000 | 18.7% |
| $100,001 or more | 7.9% |
| I'd rather not say | 18.0% |
| *No Response* | *2.2%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** | |
|  | | **Mother** | **Father** |
|  | Some high school | 6.5% | 9.4% |
| High school diploma/GED | 29.5% | 32.4% |
| Some college | 16.5% | 17.3% |
| 2-year college degree | 14.4% | 7.2% |
| 4-year college degree | 18.0% | 12.2% |
| Master's degree | 4.3% | 2.9% |
| Ph.D. or higher | 0.0% | 1.4% |
| Don't know | 10.1% | 16.5% |
| *No Response* | *0.7%* | *0.7%* |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | 1 | 27.3% |
| 2 | 8.6% |
| 3 | 4.3% |
| 4 | 0.7% |
| 5 or more | 0.0% |
| I don't have other brothers or sisters | 32.4% |
| *No Response* | *26.6%* |

**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 | 31.7% | 41.0% | 1.4% | 24.5% | 1.4% |
| English/Language Arts | 20.9% | 59.0% | 0.0% | 18.7% | 1.4% |
| Science | 16.5% | 56.1% | 1.4% | 24.5% | 1.4% |
| Study Skills | 17.3% | 56.8% | 0.7% | 23.0% | 2.2% |
| *Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment* | 32.4% | 48.9% | 1.4% | 15.1% | 2.2% |
| *Ability to do well in college level courses in the future* | 26.6% | 51.1% | 2.9% | 15.1% | 4.3% |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | No | 10.8% |
| Yes | 86.3% |
| No Response | 2.9% |

**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. | 2.9% |
| It costs too much/I can’t afford it. | 1.4% |
| I need to work. | 2.9% |
| I want to work. | 3.6% |
| Family issues. | .7% |
| I plan to enlist in the military. | 2.2% |
| Other (please write in reason): |  |

**Other:**

Don’t want to

**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** | 8.6% | 10.1% |
| **Some college** | 10.1% | 12.2% |
| **Two-year associate's college degree** | 11.5% | 15.8% |
| **Four-year bachelor's college degree** | 43.2% | 39.6% |
| **More than a 4-year college degree** | 25.9% | 21.6% |
| *No Response* | *0.7%* | *0.7%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **12th Grade** | | |
|  | **No** | **Yes** | **No Response** |
| **Availability of Financial Aid** | 25.2% | 71.2% | 3.6% |
| **College Entrance Requirement** | 26.6% | 72.7% | 0.7% |

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **12th Grade** |
| No | 20.9% |
| Yes | 77.0% |
| No Response | 2.2% |

**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 | 6.5% | 2.9% | 2.9% |
| Probably Not | 3.6% | 4.3% | 3.6% |
| Not Sure | 23.0% | 15.8% | 15.1% |
| Probably | 33.8% | 38.1% | 38.8% |
| Definitely | 30.9% | 32.4% | 33.1% |
| No Response | 2.2% | 6.5% | 6.5% |

**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 | 4.3% | 32.4% |
| $4001 - $8000 | 30.2% | 18.7% |
| $8001 - $11000 | 17.3% | 21.6% |
| $11001 - $16000 | 14.4% | 14.4% |
| $16001 - $21000 | 20.9% | 7.9% |
| $21001 - $26000 | 8.6% | 2.2% |
| >$26000 | 3.6% | 2.2% |
| No response | 0.7% | 0.7% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Extremely* | *Moderately* | *Slightly* | *Not at All* | *No Response* |
| **FAFSA** | 12.2% | 35.3% | 28.1% | 5.8% | 18.7% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 8.6% | 17.3% | 18.0% | 38.1% | 18.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ACT /SAT** | 47.5% | 25.2% | 7.9% | 2.2% | 17.3% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 13.7% | 17.3% | 34.5% | 16.5% | 18.0% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 14.4% | 15.8% | 32.4% | 18.7% | 18.7% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 19.4% | 23.7% | 30.2% | 7.9% | 18.7% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 11.5% | 18.0% | 25.9% | 25.9% | 18.7% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Scholarships** | 33.1% | 29.5% | 16.5% | 2.2% | 18.7% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 34.5% | 28.1% | 14.4% | 2.9% | 20.1% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 49.6% | 17.3% | 12.2% | 2.2% | 18.7% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 54.7% | 17.3% | 7.2% | 2.2% | 18.7% |

**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** | 38.1% | 39.6% | 14.4% | 7.2% | 0.7% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 26.6% | 33.8% | 23.0% | 15.1% | 1.4% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 28.1% | 33.1% | 23.0% | 14.4% | 1.4% |
| **College fairs** | 28.8% | 30.9% | 25.2% | 12.9% | 2.2% |
| **Television** | 24.5% | 31.7% | 26.6% | 15.8% | 1.4% |
| **Radio** | 22.3% | 24.5% | 24.5% | 27.3% | 1.4% |
| **Direct mail** | 29.5% | 36.0% | 21.6% | 11.5% | 1.4% |
| **E-mail** | 29.5% | 36.0% | 21.6% | 11.5% | 1.4% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 30.9% | 35.3% | 25.9% | 6.5% | 1.4% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 25.9% | 25.9% | 23.7% | 23.0% | 1.4% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 23.7% | 25.2% | 29.5% | 19.4% | 2.2% |
| **Text messages** | 23.0% | 23.7% | 18.0% | 33.8% | 1.4% |
| **School counselor** | 34.5% | 37.4% | 17.3% | 7.9% | 2.9% |
| **Family members** | 40.3% | 33.8% | 18.0% | 5.8% | 2.2% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 23.7% | 20.9% | 12.2% | 40.3% | 2.9% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 33.1% | 31.7% | 23.0% | 9.4% | 2.9% |

**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) | | 29.5% |
| Information about participating in GEAR UP events | | 43.9% |
| Tutoring | | 36.0% |
| Opportunities to participate in college visits | | 51.1% |
| Information about college entrance requirements | | 48.9% |
| Information about college financial aid/scholarships | | 53.2% |
| Leadership opportunities | | 33.1% |
| Summer activities | | 26.6% |
| Career exploration activities | | 36.0% |
| Test preparation | | 48.2% |
| Assistance with the college entrance process | | 43.2% |
| Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA) | | 46.0% |
| Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish) | | 11.5% |
| Other | Intro to college class as elective for seniors | |

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. | 8.6% |
| I will not complete the FAFSA. | 8.6% |
| I might complete the FAFSA. | 16.5% |
| I will complete the FAFSA. | 57.6% |
| I have completed the FAFSA. | 7.9% |
| *No Response* | *0.7%* |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Percent** |
|  | No | 12.2% |
| Yes | 76.3% |
| No Response | 9.4% |

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. | 3.6% |
| I will not complete a college application. | 10.8% |
| I might complete a college application. | 9.4% |
| I will complete a college application. | 29.5% |
| I have completed a college application. | 46.0% |
| *No Response* | *0.7%* |