School Name/Code: **Bluefield Middle School (051301)**

Survey Type: **Parent**

Grade Level: **7 and 8**

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**School Level Response Rates:**

Surveys Administered:

7th grade - 184

8th grade - 177

Surveys Received for:

7th grade - 55

8th grade - 17

School Response Rate:

7th grade –29.9%

8th grade – 9.6%

**Results (Percentages) by Survey Question**

1. **What is your relationship to the child who brought this survey home?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | *No Response* | 1.8% | 0.0% |
| Parent or Guardian | 92.7% | 88.2% |
| Step or foster parent | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Grandparent | 5.5% | 5.9% |
| Other | 0.0% | 5.9% |

1. **What is your race?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade %** |
|  | *No response* | 1.8% | 0.0% |
| White | 80.0% | 76.5% |
| Black or African American | 9.1% | 17.6% |
| Asian | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 1.8% | 0.0% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Two or more races | 7.3% | 5.9% |

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | *No Response* | 5.5% | 0.0% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 3.6% | 0.0% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 90.9% | 100.0% |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | *No Response* | 1.8% | 0.0% |
| English | 98.2% | 100.0% |
| Spanish | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Other | 0.0% | 0.0% |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | *No Response* | 7.3% | 11.8% |
| $30,000 or less | 40.0% | 17.6% |
| $30,001 - $60,000 | 30.9% | 17.6% |
| $60,001 - $100,000 | 7.3% | 11.8% |
| $100,001 or more | 1.8% | 11.8% |
| I'd rather not say | 12.7% | 29.4% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Mother** | | **Father** | |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | *No Response* | 3.6% | 11.8% | 9.1% | 11.8% |
| Some high school | 16.4% | 5.9% | 21.8% | 17.6% |
| High school diploma/GED | 21.8% | 17.6% | 23.6% | 23.5% |
| Some college | 30.9% | 41.2% | 20.0% | 29.4% |
| 2-year college degree | 9.1% | 11.8% | 5.5% | 5.9% |
| 4-year college degree | 10.9% | 11.8% | 9.1% | 11.8% |
| Master's degree | 7.3% | 0.0% | 3.6% | 0.0% |
| Ph.D. or higher | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Don't know | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7.3% | 0.0% |

**7. If you have other children, how many have attended or are currently attending college?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | *No Response* | 30.9% | 41.2% |
| 1 | 16.4% | 23.5% |
| 2 | 3.6% | 0.0% |
| 3 | 5.5% | 11.8% |
| 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 5 or more | 3.6% | 0.0% |
| I don't have other children | 40.0% | 23.5% |

**8. Have you talked to your child about attending college?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | No Response | 5.5% | 5.9% |
| No | 3.6% | 0.0% |
| Yes | 90.9% | 94.1% |

**9. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **It's too early to think about my child going to college.** | **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 52.7% | 27.3% | 7.3% | 3.6% | 9.1% |
| **8th Grade** | 64.7% | 23.5% | 5.9% | 0.0% | 5.9% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attending college is important to my child's career goal and future.** | **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 7.3% | 0.0% | 27.3% | 60.0% | 5.5% |
| **8th Grade** | 0.0% | 0.0% | 23.5% | 70.6% | 5.9% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Would like to get?** | | **Expects to get?** | |
|  | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| *No Response* | 10.9% | 5.9% | 7.3% | 5.9% |
| **High school or less** | 5.5% | 5.9% | 9.1% | 5.9% |
| **Some college** | 16.4% | 11.8% | 12.7% | 17.6% |
| **Two-year associate's college degree** | 5.5% | 5.9% | 3.6% | 5.9% |
| **Four-year bachelor's college degree** | 30.9% | 41.2% | 27.3% | 35.3% |
| **More than a 4-year college degree** | 30.9% | 29.4% | 40.0% | 29.4% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **College Entrance Requirement** | | **Availability of Financial Aid** | |
|  | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| *No Response* | 9.1% | 0.0% | 9.1% | 0.0% |
| No | 81.8% | 94.1% | 80.0% | 100.0% |
| Yes | 9.1% | 5.9% | 10.9% | 0.0% |

**12. Do you know about financial aid and the cost and benefits to your child of pursuing a postsecondary education (e.g., going to college)?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| *No Response* | 3.6% | 5.9% |
| No | 38.2% | 47.1% |
| Yes | 58.2% | 47.1% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **7th Grade** | ***Definitely Not*** | ***Probably Not*** | ***Not Sure*** | ***Probably*** | ***Definitely*** | ***No Response*** |
| **A public 4-year college** | 5.5% | 7.3% | 23.6% | 25.5% | 32.7% | 5.5% |
| **A public community/ technical college** | 0.0% | 7.3% | 21.8% | 25.5% | 38.2% | 7.3% |
| **A public career/ technical center** | 0.0% | 3.6% | 25.5% | 23.6% | 40.0% | 7.3% |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | ***Definitely Not*** | ***Probably Not*** | ***Not Sure*** | ***Probably*** | ***Definitely*** | ***No Response*** |
| **A public 4-year college** | 0.0% | 11.8% | 23.5% | 23.5% | 35.3% | 5.9% |
| **A public community/ technical college** | 0.0% | 11.8% | 17.6% | 23.5% | 41.2% | 5.9% |
| **A public career/ technical center** | 0.0% | 11.8% | 17.6% | 17.6% | 52.9% | 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…**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **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 | 3.6% | 18.2% | 0.0% | 5.9% |
| $4001 - $8000 | 14.5% | 23.6% | 11.8% | 17.6% |
| $8001 - $11000 | 30.9% | 14.5% | 11.8% | 11.8% |
| $11001 - $16000 | 12.7% | 7.3% | 23.5% | 17.6% |
| $16001 - $21000 | 10.9% | 9.1% | 17.6% | 17.6% |
| $21001 - $26000 | 7.3% | 9.1% | 5.9% | 11.8% |
| >$26000 | 12.7% | 7.3% | 17.6% | 5.9% |
| No response | 7.3% | 10.9% | 11.8% | 11.8% |

**15. How aware are you about the following topics?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **7th Grade** | *Not at All* | *Slightly* | *Moderately* | *Extremely* | *No Response* |
| **FAFSA** | 21.8% | 23.6% | 25.5% | 25.5% | 3.6% |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 40.0% | 34.5% | 16.4% | 5.5% | 3.6% |
| **ACT/SAT** | 12.7% | 14.5% | 40.0% | 29.1% | 3.6% |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 32.7% | 25.5% | 25.5% | 12.7% | 3.6% |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 14.5% | 32.7% | 29.1% | 20.0% | 3.6% |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 12.7% | 27.3% | 34.5% | 21.8% | 3.6% |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 30.9% | 30.9% | 21.8% | 12.7% | 3.6% |
| **Scholarships** | 23.6% | 32.7% | 20.0% | 16.4% | 7.3% |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 14.5% | 34.5% | 27.3% | 20.0% | 3.6% |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 10.9% | 12.7% | 20.0% | 52.7% | 3.6% |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 10.9% | 16.4% | 27.3% | 41.8% | 3.6% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | *Not at All* | *Slightly* | *Moderately* | *Extremely* | *No Response* |
| **FAFSA** | 35.3% | 29.4% | 17.6% | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 58.8% | 29.4% | 5.9% | 5.9% | 0.0% |
| **ACT/SAT** | 17.6% | 29.4% | 23.5% | 29.4% | 0.0% |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 52.9% | 17.6% | 11.8% | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 41.2% | 23.5% | 17.6% | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 23.5% | 35.3% | 23.5% | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 47.1% | 23.5% | 17.6% | 11.8% | 0.0% |
| **Scholarships** | 29.4% | 23.5% | 29.4% | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 35.3% | 29.4% | 17.6% | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 17.6% | 17.6% | 5.9% | 58.8% | 0.0% |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 17.6% | 23.5% | 23.5% | 35.3% | 0.0% |
|  | | | | | | | |

**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** | *Not at All* | *Slightly* | *Moderately* | *Extremely* | *No Response* |
| **College or university websites** | 29.1% | 20.0% | 25.5% | 20.0% | 5.5% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 43.6% | 18.2% | 16.4% | 14.5% | 7.3% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 41.8% | 21.8% | 16.4% | 12.7% | 7.3% |
| **College fairs** | 38.2% | 20.0% | 20.0% | 14.5% | 7.3% |
| **Television** | 29.1% | 34.5% | 21.8% | 7.3% | 7.3% |
| **Radio** | 41.8% | 25.5% | 14.5% | 7.3% | 10.9% |
| **Direct mail** | 43.6% | 23.6% | 18.2% | 7.3% | 7.3% |
| **E-mail** | 47.3% | 20.0% | 16.4% | 9.1% | 7.3% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 34.5% | 18.2% | 30.9% | 9.1% | 7.3% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 40.0% | 29.1% | 16.4% | 7.3% | 7.3% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 38.2% | 30.9% | 12.7% | 9.1% | 9.1% |
| **Text messages** | 56.4% | 18.2% | 10.9% | 7.3% | 7.3% |
| **School counselor** | 36.4% | 16.4% | 21.8% | 18.2% | 7.3% |
| **Family members** | 20.0% | 14.5% | 36.4% | 21.8% | 7.3% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 43.6% | 20.0% | 14.5% | 14.5% | 7.3% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 41.8% | 14.5% | 12.7% | 21.8% | 9.1% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | *Not at All* | *Slightly* | *Moderately* | *Extremely* | *No Response* |
| **College or university websites** | 35.3% | 23.5% | 11.8% | 23.5% | 5.9% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 58.8% | 17.6% | 5.9% | 5.9% | 11.8% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 52.9% | 11.8% | 23.5% | 0.0% | 11.8% |
| **College fairs** | 52.9% | 23.5% | 5.9% | 5.9% | 11.8% |
| **Television** | 35.3% | 52.9% | 5.9% | 0.0% | 5.9% |
| **Radio** | 52.9% | 35.3% | 5.9% | 0.0% | 5.9% |
| **Direct mail** | 58.8% | 11.8% | 17.6% | 0.0% | 11.8% |
| **E-mail** | 76.5% | 11.8% | 5.9% | 0.0% | 5.9% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 47.1% | 5.9% | 29.4% | 11.8% | 5.9% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 58.8% | 17.6% | 17.6% | 0.0% | 5.9% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 52.9% | 23.5% | 11.8% | 0.0% | 11.8% |
| **Text messages** | 82.4% | 5.9% | 5.9% | 0.0% | 5.9% |
| **School counselor** | 47.1% | 11.8% | 17.6% | 0.0% | 23.5% |
| **Family members** | 17.6% | 23.5% | 29.4% | 23.5% | 5.9% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 82.4% | 5.9% | 0.0% | 5.9% | 5.9% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 64.7% | 17.6% | 5.9% | 0.0% | 11.8% |

**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 Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| More advanced classes (e.g., AP) | 32.7% | 41.2% |
| Information about participating in GEAR UP events | 69.1% | 70.6% |
| Tutoring | 41.8% | 52.9% |
| Opportunities to participate in college visits | 67.3% | 64.7% |
| Information about college entrance requirements | 72.7% | 70.6% |
| Information about college financial aid/scholarships | 80.0% | 70.6% |
| Leadership opportunities | 40.0% | 58.8% |
| Summer activities | 34.5% | 58.8% |
| Career exploration activities | 56.4% | 58.8% |
| Test preparation | 63.6% | 76.5% |
| Assistance with the college entrance process | 67.3% | 58.8% |
| Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA) | 56.4% | 52.9% |
| Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish) | 9.1% | 11.8% |
| Other | 1.8% | 0.0% |