School Name/Code: Bluefield Middle School/051301

Survey Type: Student

Grade Level: 7th and 8th

Number of Respondents (N): 298

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**School Level Response Rates:**

Surveys Administered:

7th grade - 184

8th grade - 177

Surveys Received:

7th grade – 152

8th grade – 146

School Response Rate:

7th grade – 82.6%

8th grade –82.5%

**Results (Percentages) by Survey Question**

1. **What is your gender?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | Female | 47.4% | 48.6% |
| Male | 50.7% | 47.9% |
| *No Response* | *2.0%* | *3.4%* |

1. **What is your race?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade %** | **8th Grade %** |
|  | White | 62.5% | 63.7% |
| Black or African American | 21.1% | 22.6% |
| Asian | 0.7% | 0.0% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0.7% | 0.0% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% | 0.7% |
| Two or more races | 14.5% | 11.0% |
| *No response* | *0.7%* | *2.1%* |

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | Hispanic or Latino | 5.3% | 9.6% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 90.1% | 85.6% |
| *No Response* | *4.6%* | *4.8%* |

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

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|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | English | 97.4% | 97.9% |
| Spanish | 0.7% | 0.0% |
| Other | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| *No Response* | *2.0%* | *2.1%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | $30,000 or less | 11.8% | 4.8% |
| $30,001 - $60,000 | 9.9% | 7.5% |
| $60,001 - $100,000 | 16.4% | 13.7% |
| $100,001 or more | 4.6% | 7.5% |
| I'd rather not say | 55.3% | 63.0% |
| *No Response* | 2.0% | 3.4% |

**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 | 9.9% | 14.5% | 6.8% | 11.6% |
| High school diploma/GED | 16.4% | 16.4% | 15.8% | 19.9% |
| Some college | 13.8% | 7.2% | 15.8% | 9.6% |
| 2-year college degree | 5.9% | 3.9% | 6.8% | 9.6% |
| 4-year college degree | 9.2% | 5.3% | 15.1% | 6.8% |
| Master's degree | 13.8% | 10.5% | 11.6% | 5.5% |
| Ph.D. or higher | 3.3% | 0.7% | 2.1% | 0.7% |
| Don't know | 26.3% | 40.1% | 23.3% | 34.2% |
| *No Response* | 1.3% | 1.3% | 2.7% | 2.1% |

**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 | 23.7% | 34.2% |
| 2 | 9.2% | 11.0% |
| 3 | 3.3% | 5.5% |
| 4 | 2.0% | 0.7% |
| 5 or more | 5.3% | 2.7% |
| I don't have other children | 53.9% | 39.0% |
| *No Response* | *2.6%* | *6.8%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | No | 2.6% | 6.2% |
| Yes | 94.7% | 91.1% |
| No Response | 2.6% | 2.7% |

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

I have other opportunities, I hate school, pilot, I don’t want to, I’m afraid I’m not smart enough

**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** | 32.2% | 48.7% | 2.0% | 15.8% | 1.3% |
| **8th Grade** | 40.4% | 42.5% | 2.7% | 12.3% | 2.1% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| English/Language Arts | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 36.2% | 48.7% | 1.3% | 11.8% | 2.0% |
| **8th Grade** | 46.6% | 44.5% | 0.7% | 6.2% | 2.1% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Science | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 27.0% | 53.3% | 3.3% | 13.8% | 2.6% |
| **8th Grade** | 37.7% | 43.2% | 4.8% | 12.3% | 2.1% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Study Skills | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 26.3% | 52.6% | 7.2% | 9.2% | 4.6% |
| **8th Grade** | 28.8% | 43.2% | 6.2% | 15.1% | 6.8% |

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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** | 48.0% | 31.6% | 10.5% | 6.6% | 3.3% |
| **8th Grade** | 45.9% | 40.4% | 6.2% | 4.8% | 2.7% |

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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** | 48.0% | 28.9% | 10.5% | 7.9% | 4.6% |
| **8th Grade** | 52.1% | 31.5% | 8.2% | 5.5% | 2.7% |

**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** | 3.3% | 3.3% | 5.5% | 4.8% |
| **Some college** | 17.1% | 19.1% | 17.1% | 18.5% |
| **Two-year associate's college degree** | 8.6% | 18.4% | 4.1% | 9.6% |
| **Four-year bachelor's college degree** | 20.4% | 20.4% | 28.1% | 32.2% |
| **More than a 4-year college degree** | 48.0% | 36.8% | 42.5% | 31.5% |
| *No Response* | *2.6%* | *2.0%* | *2.7%* | *3.4%* |

**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** | 45.4% | 48.7% | 5.9% | 57.5% | 38.4% | 4.1% |
| **College Entrance Requirement** | 48.0% | 50.0% | 2.0% | 43.8% | 54.1% | 2.1% |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| No | 24.3% | 24.0% |
| Yes | 71.7% | 72.6% |
| No Response | 3.9% | 3.4% |

**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 | 1.3% | 3.9% | 3.3% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 2.1% |
| Probably Not | 4.6% | 3.9% | 7.2% | 4.8% | 5.5% | 1.4% |
| Not Sure | 24.3% | 25.0% | 24.3% | 28.8% | 31.5% | 29.5% |
| Probably | 42.1% | 41.4% | 34.9% | 41.8% | 39.0% | 42.5% |
| Definitely | 26.3% | 21.7% | 25.0% | 21.2% | 19.2% | 20.5% |
| No Response | 1.3% | 3.9% | 5.3% | 2.1% | 3.4% | 4.1% |

**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 | 12.5% | 9.9% | 13.0% | 13.7% |
| $4001 - $8000 | 20.4% | 25.7% | 16.4% | 20.5% |
| $8001 - $11000 | 17.1% | 15.8% | 21.9% | 16.4% |
| $11001 - $16000 | 17.8% | 19.7% | 8.2% | 15.1% |
| $16001 - $21000 | 11.2% | 13.8% | 11.6% | 8.9% |
| $21001 - $26000 | 8.6% | 5.3% | 9.6% | 12.3% |
| >$26000 | 11.8% | 6.6% | 17.1% | 10.3% |
| No response | 0.7% | 3.3% | 2.1% | 2.7% |

**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 | 6.6% | 15.1% | 30.9% | 42.1% | 5.3% |
| 8th | 4.8% | 15.1% | 30.1% | 46.6% | 3.4% |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 7th | 15.1% | 22.4% | 29.6% | 25.7% | 7.2% |
| 8th | 13.7% | 23.3% | 26.7% | 32.2% | 4.1% |
| **ACT /SAT** | 7th | 15.8% | 22.4% | 24.3% | 32.2% | 5.3% |
| 8th | 32.2% | 24.7% | 21.9% | 16.4% | 4.8% |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 7th | 14.5% | 25.0% | 22.4% | 32.2% | 5.9% |
| 8th | 13.0% | 27.4% | 28.1% | 26.7% | 4.8% |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 7th | 6.6% | 17.1% | 25.0% | 45.4% | 5.9% |
| 8th | 6.2% | 13.7% | 29.5% | 46.6% | 4.1% |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 7th | 17.1% | 28.3% | 28.9% | 19.7% | 5.9% |
| 8th | 17.8% | 31.5% | 30.1% | 15.8% | 4.8% |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 7th | 14.5% | 19.1% | 27.6% | 32.2% | 6.6% |
| 8th | 11.6% | 21.9% | 26.0% | 35.6% | 4.8% |
| **Scholarships** | 7th | 37.5% | 24.3% | 23.0% | 8.6% | 6.6% |
| 8th | 46.6% | 24.7% | 17.8% | 6.2% | 4.8% |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 7th | 27.0% | 28.9% | 27.0% | 10.5% | 6.6% |
| 8th | 34.9% | 27.4% | 23.3% | 9.6% | 4.8% |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 7th | 38.8% | 24.3% | 21.7% | 9.9% | 5.3% |
| 8th | 50.7% | 20.5% | 17.8% | 6.2% | 4.8% |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 7th | 33.6% | 28.3% | 20.4% | 11.8% | 5.9% |
| 8th | 52.1% | 26.0% | 14.4% | 3.4% | 4.1% |
|  | | | | | | | | |

**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** | 27.0% | 28.3% | 23.7% | 17.8% | 3.3% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 21.7% | 25.7% | 25.0% | 24.3% | 3.3% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 19.7% | 28.9% | 28.9% | 18.4% | 3.9% |
| **College fairs** | 25.0% | 21.1% | 25.7% | 25.0% | 3.3% |
| **Television** | 28.3% | 23.7% | 30.3% | 13.8% | 3.9% |
| **Radio** | 24.3% | 22.4% | 27.0% | 23.0% | 3.3% |
| **Direct mail** | 26.3% | 24.3% | 21.1% | 25.7% | 2.6% |
| **E-mail** | 26.3% | 24.3% | 21.1% | 25.7% | 2.6% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 26.3% | 30.3% | 21.7% | 18.4% | 3.3% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 27.6% | 25.0% | 25.7% | 17.8% | 3.9% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 30.3% | 23.0% | 30.3% | 13.2% | 3.3% |
| **Text messages** | 24.3% | 19.7% | 24.3% | 27.0% | 4.6% |
| **School counselor** | 27.6% | 23.7% | 27.6% | 17.1% | 3.9% |
| **Family members** | 40.1% | 21.7% | 21.1% | 12.5% | 4.6% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 21.7% | 19.7% | 27.6% | 25.7% | 5.3% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 28.9% | 18.4% | 27.6% | 19.7% | 5.3% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | *Extremely*  *(Percent)* | *Moderately*  *(Percent)* | *Slightly*  *(Percent)* | *Not at All*  *(Percent)* | *No Response (Percent)* |
| **College or university websites** | 21.9% | 27.4% | 31.5% | 15.8% | 3.4% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 15.1% | 19.2% | 35.6% | 26.7% | 3.4% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 17.8% | 20.5% | 29.5% | 27.4% | 4.8% |
| **College fairs** | 13.7% | 28.8% | 25.3% | 28.8% | 3.4% |
| **Television** | 19.2% | 29.5% | 32.2% | 15.8% | 3.4% |
| **Radio** | 14.4% | 26.7% | 21.9% | 33.6% | 3.4% |
| **Direct mail** | 20.5% | 25.3% | 21.2% | 29.5% | 3.4% |
| **E-mail** | 20.5% | 25.3% | 21.2% | 29.5% | 3.4% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 24.7% | 24.7% | 28.1% | 19.2% | 3.4% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 15.8% | 26.7% | 31.5% | 21.9% | 4.1% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 17.1% | 27.4% | 33.6% | 18.5% | 3.4% |
| **Text messages** | 20.5% | 21.9% | 21.9% | 31.5% | 4.1% |
| **School counselor** | 24.0% | 26.7% | 25.3% | 19.9% | 4.1% |
| **Family members** | 41.8% | 30.8% | 17.1% | 6.8% | 3.4% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 13.0% | 16.4% | 26.7% | 39.7% | 4.1% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 21.2% | 20.5% | 24.0% | 28.8% | 5.5% |

**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) | | 61.8% | 52.1% |
| Information about participating in GEAR UP events | | 48.7% | 27.4% |
| Tutoring | | 59.2% | 43.2% |
| Opportunities to participate in college visits | | 63.8% | 55.5% |
| Information about college entrance requirements | | 61.2% | 56.2% |
| Information about college financial aid/scholarships | | 62.5% | 57.5% |
| Leadership opportunities | | 53.9% | 42.5% |
| Summer activities | | 45.4% | 38.4% |
| Career exploration activities | | 54.6% | 56.8% |
| Test preparation | | 58.6% | 55.5% |
| Assistance with the college entrance process | | 54.6% | 45.9% |
| Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA) | | 48.7% | 39.7% |
| Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish) | | 42.8% | 25.3% |
| Other | Sports, Scouts, visit their coaching staff, help in work, tours of WVU, money, need better education, study | | |