School Name/Code: Princeton Middle School/051403

Survey Type: Student

Grade Level: 7th and 8th

Number of Respondents (N): 312

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**School Level Response Rates:**

Surveys Administered:

7th grade - 207

8th grade - 167

Surveys Received:

7th grade – 173

8th grade – 139

School Response Rate:

7th grade – 83.6%

8th grade – 83.2%

**Results (Percentages) by Survey Question**

1. **What is your gender?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | Female | 53.2% | 46.0% |
| Male | 45.1% | 49.6% |
| *No Response* | *1.7%* | *4.3%* |

1. **What is your race?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade %** | **8th Grade %** |
|  | White | 80.3% | 78.4% |
| Black or African American | 8.7% | 9.4% |
| Asian | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0.6% | 1.4% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Two or more races | 9.2% | 10.1% |
| *No response* | *1.2%* | *0.7%* |

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | Hispanic or Latino | 3.5% | 3.6% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 90.8% | 95.0% |
| *No Response* | *5.8%* | *1.4%* |

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | English | 97.1% | 98.6% |
| Spanish | 0.6% | 0.7% |
| Other | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| *No Response* | *2.3%* | *0.7%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | $30,000 or less | 8.1% | 5.8% |
| $30,001 - $60,000 | 9.2% | 10.1% |
| $60,001 - $100,000 | 9.8% | 15.8% |
| $100,001 or more | 6.9% | 10.8% |
| I'd rather not say | 64.7% | 56.8% |
| *No Response* | *1.2%* | *0.7%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | | **8th Grade** | |
|  | | **Mother** | **Father** | **Mother** | **Father** |
|  | Some high school | 3.5% | 12.1% | 6.5% | 9.4% |
| High school diploma/GED | 20.8% | 24.9% | 15.1% | 23.7% |
| Some college | 16.8% | 5.8% | 14.4% | 9.4% |
| 2-year college degree | 3.5% | 2.3% | 7.2% | 7.9% |
| 4-year college degree | 10.4% | 9.8% | 25.2% | 10.8% |
| Master's degree | 11.0% | 5.8% | 10.1% | 8.6% |
| Ph.D. or higher | 2.9% | 0.6% | 3.6% | 3.6% |
| Don't know | 29.5% | 37.6% | 17.3% | 25.9% |
| *No Response* | *1.7%* | *1.2%* | *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?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | 1 | 13.9% | 22.3% |
| 2 | 5.2% | 7.9% |
| 3 | 4.6% | 3.6% |
| 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 5 or more | 0.6% | 2.2% |
| I don't have other children | 21.4% | 33.8% |
| *No Response* | *54.3%* | *30.2%* |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | No | 4.0% | 4.3% |
| Yes | 93.1% | 89.2% |
| No Response | *2.9%* | *6.5%* |

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

I’m too lazy for school, trade school

**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** | 34.1% | 39.3% | 5.2% | 19.7% | 1.7% |
| **8th Grade** | 39.6% | 45.3% | 2.9% | 11.5% | 0.7% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| English/Language Arts | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 42.2% | 41.6% | 3.5% | 11.0% | 1.7% |
| **8th Grade** | 36.0% | 48.2% | 5.8% | 9.4% | 0.7% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Science | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 16.2% | 51.4% | 7.5% | 22.5% | 2.3% |
| **8th Grade** | 22.3% | 49.6% | 6.5% | 19.4% | 2.2% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Study Skills | **Very Confident** | **Confident** | **Don’t Know** | **Not Confident** | **No Response** |
| **7th Grade** | 24.9% | 47.4% | 6.9% | 16.2% | 4.6% |
| **8th Grade** | 16.5% | 51.1% | 5.0% | 25.2% | 2.2% |

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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** | 41.6% | 34.1% | 9.8% | 10.4% | 4.0% |
| **8th Grade** | 39.6% | 37.4% | 8.6% | 10.8% | 3.6% |

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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** | 46.2% | 30.1% | 9.2% | 11.0% | 3.5% |
| **8th Grade** | 36.0% | 39.6% | 12.2% | 7.9% | 4.3% |

**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** | 6.4% | 8.1% | 4.3% | 7.2% |
| **Some college** | 13.3% | 19.1% | 10.1% | 15.1% |
| **Two-year associate's college degree** | 5.8% | 10.4% | 9.4% | 16.5% |
| **Four-year bachelor's college degree** | 24.3% | 24.9% | 27.3% | 25.9% |
| **More than a 4-year college degree** | 46.8% | 36.4% | 48.2% | 33.8% |
| *No Response* | *3.5%* | *1.2%* | *0.7%* | *1.4%* |

**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** | 66.5% | 31.2% | 2.3% | 49.6% | 48.9% | 1.4% |
| **College Entrance Requirement** | 64.2% | 33.5% | 2.3% | 36.0% | 62.6% | 1.4% |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
| No | 26.6% | 28.1% |
| Yes | 67.6% | 68.3% |
| No Response | 5.8% | 3.6% |

**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 | 5.2% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 4.3% | 3.6% | 4.3% |
| Probably Not | 7.5% | 7.5% | 7.5% | 7.9% | 4.3% | 2.9% |
| Not Sure | 24.9% | 30.1% | 26.0% | 21.6% | 18.7% | 25.2% |
| Probably | 36.4% | 30.1% | 33.5% | 36.0% | 38.8% | 36.0% |
| Definitely | 23.1% | 22.0% | 22.0% | 28.8% | 30.2% | 28.1% |
| No Response | 2.9% | 5.2% | 5.8% | 1.4% | 4.3% | 3.6% |

**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 | 10.4% | 15.6% | 7.2% | 23.0% |
| $4001 - $8000 | 15.6% | 23.7% | 25.9% | 21.6% |
| $8001 - $11000 | 13.3% | 14.5% | 20.1% | 15.1% |
| $11001 - $16000 | 21.4% | 17.9% | 12.2% | 17.3% |
| $16001 - $21000 | 16.2% | 11.6% | 14.4% | 14.4% |
| $21001 - $26000 | 10.4% | 5.8% | 10.8% | 4.3% |
| >$26000 | 11.6% | 9.8% | 7.2% | 1.4% |
| No response | 1.2% | 1.2% | 2.2% | 2.9% |

**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 | 2.9% | 12.1% | 17.9% | 63.6% | 3.5% |
| 8th | 5.8% | 15.1% | 24.5% | 52.5% | 2.2% |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 7th | 9.8% | 22.0% | 26.0% | 38.7% | 3.5% |
| 8th | 12.9% | 19.4% | 27.3% | 38.1% | 2.2% |
| **ACT /SAT** | 7th | 11.6% | 26.0% | 17.3% | 41.6% | 3.5% |
| 8th | 29.5% | 43.2% | 16.5% | 7.2% | 3.6% |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 7th | 10.4% | 22.5% | 32.4% | 31.2% | 3.5% |
| 8th | 9.4% | 26.6% | 33.8% | 28.8% | 1.4% |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 7th | 4.6% | 11.6% | 22.5% | 58.4% | 2.9% |
| 8th | 4.3% | 17.3% | 20.1% | 56.1% | 2.2% |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 7th | 16.2% | 31.8% | 19.7% | 30.1% | 2.3% |
| 8th | 17.3% | 29.5% | 28.8% | 23.0% | 1.4% |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 7th | 13.3% | 15.6% | 22.5% | 45.1% | 3.5% |
| 8th | 10.8% | 20.1% | 27.3% | 40.3% | 1.4% |
| **Scholarships** | 7th | 43.9% | 23.7% | 14.5% | 14.5% | 3.5% |
| 8th | 38.1% | 38.8% | 18.0% | 3.6% | 1.4% |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 7th | 27.2% | 31.2% | 17.9% | 20.2% | 3.5% |
| 8th | 27.3% | 40.3% | 22.3% | 8.6% | 1.4% |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 7th | 42.2% | 23.7% | 13.9% | 17.3% | 2.9% |
| 8th | 41.7% | 32.4% | 14.4% | 10.1% | 1.4% |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 7th | 37.6% | 28.9% | 17.3% | 13.9% | 2.3% |
| 8th | 37.4% | 35.3% | 20.1% | 5.8% | 1.4% |

**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** | 20.8% | 28.9% | 22.5% | 26.0% | 1.7% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 11.0% | 19.1% | 22.0% | 46.2% | 1.7% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 11.0% | 23.1% | 19.7% | 43.9% | 2.3% |
| **College fairs** | 10.4% | 16.8% | 24.9% | 43.4% | 4.6% |
| **Television** | 20.8% | 28.3% | 22.0% | 27.2% | 1.7% |
| **Radio** | 13.3% | 21.4% | 27.7% | 34.7% | 2.9% |
| **Direct mail** | 9.8% | 17.3% | 23.7% | 46.8% | 2.3% |
| **E-mail** | 9.8% | 17.3% | 23.7% | 46.8% | 2.3% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 16.2% | 24.3% | 30.1% | 26.6% | 2.9% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 16.2% | 20.8% | 27.2% | 34.1% | 1.7% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 20.8% | 19.7% | 30.1% | 27.7% | 1.7% |
| **Text messages** | 14.5% | 13.3% | 27.2% | 42.2% | 2.9% |
| **School counselor** | 16.2% | 12.1% | 28.9% | 41.0% | 1.7% |
| **Family members** | 45.7% | 22.0% | 15.6% | 13.9% | 2.9% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 11.0% | 15.0% | 21.4% | 50.3% | 2.3% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 13.9% | 13.9% | 26.6% | 42.8% | 2.9% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | *Extremely*  *(Percent)* | *Moderately*  *(Percent)* | *Slightly*  *(Percent)* | *Not at All*  *(Percent)* | *No Response (Percent)* |
| **College or university websites** | 14.4% | 25.9% | 27.3% | 31.7% | 0.7% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 8.6% | 18.7% | 25.2% | 45.3% | 2.2% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 7.2% | 22.3% | 33.1% | 36.0% | 1.4% |
| **College fairs** | 7.2% | 20.9% | 31.7% | 38.1% | 2.2% |
| **Television** | 19.4% | 27.3% | 33.8% | 18.7% | 0.7% |
| **Radio** | 11.5% | 22.3% | 30.9% | 34.5% | 0.7% |
| **Direct mail** | 12.9% | 16.5% | 23.7% | 46.0% | 0.7% |
| **E-mail** | 12.9% | 16.5% | 23.7% | 46.0% | 0.7% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 12.2% | 25.2% | 30.2% | 31.7% | 0.7% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 10.1% | 25.2% | 30.2% | 33.1% | 1.4% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 12.9% | 32.4% | 29.5% | 24.5% | 0.7% |
| **Text messages** | 13.7% | 17.3% | 17.3% | 51.1% | 0.7% |
| **School counselor** | 16.5% | 27.3% | 19.4% | 34.5% | 2.2% |
| **Family members** | 40.3% | 30.2% | 16.5% | 12.2% | 0.7% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 5.8% | 21.6% | 18.7% | 51.1% | 2.9% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 12.2% | 20.1% | 20.1% | 45.3% | 2.2% |

**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) | | 43.9% | 51.1% |
| Information about participating in GEAR UP events | | 34.1% | 32.4% |
| Tutoring | | 47.4% | 59.0% |
| Opportunities to participate in college visits | | 60.1% | 63.3% |
| Information about college entrance requirements | | 57.2% | 66.9% |
| Information about college financial aid/scholarships | | 59.5% | 64.7% |
| Leadership opportunities | | 41.6% | 33.8% |
| Summer activities | | 34.1% | 30.2% |
| Career exploration activities | | 54.9% | 55.4% |
| Test preparation | | 48.0% | 56.1% |
| Assistance with the college entrance process | | 41.6% | 47.5% |
| Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA) | | 37.0% | 43.2% |
| Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish) | | 26.0% | 27.3% |
| Other | Better teachers, more foreign language classes, talking to friends about it, teaching others opportunities, requirements, more sleep, sports, what my studies would be like, individualized help for higher ranking colleges, trade school | | |