School Name: **All GEAR UP Schools**

Survey Type: **Parent Survey**

Grade Level: **7th and 8th**

Number of Respondents: **2,545**

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**Response Rates:**

Surveys Administered:

7th grade – 2,892

8th grade – 2,866

Surveys Received:

7th grade – 1,383

8th grade – 1,162

Response Rate:

7th grade – 47.8%

8th grade – 40.5%

**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** |
|  | **Parent or Guardian** | 91.9% | 90.5% |
| **Step or foster parent** | 1.1% | 1.6% |
| **Grandparent** | 5.1% | 6.2% |
| **Other** | .2% | .9% |
| **No Response** | 1.7% | .8% |

1. **What is your race?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade %** |
|  | **White** | 95.7% | 95.9% |
| **Black or African American** | 1.4% | 1.7% |
| **Asian** | .2% | .1% |
| **American Indian or Alaska Native** | .4% | 0.0% |
| **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** | .1% | 0.0% |
| **Two or more races** | 1.6% | 1.7% |
| ***No response*** | .7% | .6% |

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | **Hispanic or Latino** | 2.3% | 1.4% |
| **Not Hispanic or Latino** | 93.1% | 93.6% |
| ***No Response*** | 4.6% | 5.0% |

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | **English** | 99.2% | 99.5% |
| **Spanish** | .1% | 0.0% |
| **Other** | 0.0% | .2% |
| ***No Response*** | .7% | .3% |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | **$30,000 or less** | 31.7% | 29.1% |
| **$30,001 - $60,000** | 22.1% | 20.7% |
| **$60,001 - $100,000** | 17.4% | 16.9% |
| **$100,001 or more** | 6.7% | 7.0% |
| **I'd rather not say** | 19.5% | 22.6% |
| ***No Response*** | 2.5% | 3.7% |

**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** |
|  | **Some high school** | 9.2% | 9.6% | 14.5% | 14.3% |
| **High school diploma/GED** | 31.6% | 35.0% | 41.0% | 44.7% |
| **Some college** | 25.5% | 22.9% | 19.0% | 16.6% |
| **2-year college degree** | 11.7% | 11.4% | 5.3% | 4.6% |
| **4-year college degree** | 12.2% | 9.9% | 7.7% | 6.6% |
| **Master's degree** | 4.8% | 4.5% | 2.1% | 2.4% |
| **Ph.D. or higher** | .3% | .3% | .5% | .6% |
| **Don't know** | 1.7% | 2.5% | 3.5% | 4.4% |
| ***No Response*** | 3.0% | 4.0% | 6.4% | 5.8% |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | **1** | 14.8% | 18.3% |
| **2** | 3.3% | 4.8% |
| **3** | 1.4% | 1.7% |
| **4** | .4% | .4% |
| **5 or more** | .5% | .3% |
| **I don't have other children** | 33.6% | 31.0% |
| ***No Response*** | 45.9% | 43.5% |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
|  | **No** | 6.3% | 5.1% |
| **Yes** | 92.5% | 93.8% |
| **No Response** | 1.2% | 1.1% |

**. 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** | 50.5% | 32.6% | 8.7% | 2.8% | 5.4% |
| **8th Grade** | 53.4% | 31.0% | 6.1% | 3.8% | 5.8% |

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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** | 4.8% | .9% | 19.3% | 73.2% | 1.9% |
| **8th Grade** | 5.2% | .9% | 19.0% | 73.0% | 2.0% |

**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** |
| **High school or less** | 3.4% | 3.6% | 6.4% | 6.8% |
| **Some college** | 12.5% | 12.3% | 13.7% | 15.1% |
| **Two-year associate's college degree** | 7.3% | 7.1% | 10.3% | 9.7% |
| **Four-year bachelor's college degree** | 30.3% | 30.6% | 34.6% | 34.4% |
| **More than a 4-year college degree** | 32.9% | 32.3% | 26.8% | 26.9% |
| ***No Response*** | 13.6% | 14.1% | 8.2% | 7.0% |

**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*** | 89.7% | 85.6% | 87.9% | 83.2% |
| **Yes** | 8.4% | 12.2% | 9.0% | 13.6% |
| **No Response** | 1.9% | 2.2% | 3.1% | 3.2% |

**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** | 41.3% | 39.7% |
| **Yes** | 56.0% | 57.0% |
| ***No Response*** | 2.7% | 3.4% |

**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** | 3.9% | 5.0% | 26.0% | 34.8% | 26.2% | 4.2% |
| **A public community/ technical college** | 1.2% | 3.0% | 19.6% | 34.8% | 33.6% | 7.9% |
| **A public career/ technical center** | .9% | 2.5% | 18.9% | 32.5% | 35.9% | 9.3% |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | **Definitely Not** | **Probably Not** | **Not Sure** | **Probably** | **Definitely** | **No Response** |
| **A public 4-year college** | 2.8% | 4.9% | 26.3% | 34.3% | 27.5% | 4.2% |
| **A public community/ technical college** | 1.5% | 2.0% | 20.3% | 36.1% | 31.8% | 8.3% |
| **A public career/ technical center** | 1.2% | 2.3% | 20.0% | 32.4% | 35.1% | 9.0% |

**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** | 3.3% | 20.2% | 3.1% | 19.3% |
| **$4001 - $8000** | 18.9% | 27.0% | 18.2% | 23.1% |
| **$8001 - $11000** | 19.6% | 17.4% | 16.9% | 15.1% |
| **$11001 - $16000** | 16.2% | 9.9% | 14.6% | 11.0% |
| **$16001 - $21000** | 12.9% | 7.2% | 14.5% | 9.0% |
| **$21001 - $26000** | 8.2% | 3.3% | 9.2% | 5.1% |
| **>$26000** | 14.2% | 5.1% | 17.0% | 5.4% |
| **No Response** | 6.7% | 10.1% | 6.5% | 12.0% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **7th Grade** | **Not at All** | **Slightly** | **Moderately** | **Extremely** | **No Response** |
| **FAFSA** | 30.9% | 22.8% | 24.7% | 19.4% | 2.2% |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 45.3% | 25.3% | 19.2% | 7.4% | 2.8% |
| **ACT/SAT** | 17.3% | 21.0% | 34.2% | 24.6% | 3.0% |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 42.7% | 23.3% | 18.9% | 12.0% | 3.2% |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 28.9% | 26.6% | 24.9% | 16.3% | 3.3% |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 23.6% | 26.5% | 27.9% | 19.2% | 2.9% |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 47.1% | 21.7% | 18.1% | 10.1% | 3.0% |
| **Scholarships** | 25.4% | 29.4% | 25.9% | 16.6% | 2.8% |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 25.8% | 27.7% | 28.3% | 15.1% | 3.1% |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 12.7% | 10.0% | 22.0% | 52.3% | 3.0% |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 11.1% | 15.8% | 34.3% | 35.9% | 2.9% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | **Not at All** | **Slightly** | **Moderately** | **Extremely** | **No Response** |
| **FAFSA** | 31.2% | 21.4% | 25.3% | 18.9% | 3.1% |
| **College Savings Plan/529** | 42.5% | 26.2% | 20.0% | 7.7% | 3.6% |
| **ACT/SAT** | 15.8% | 21.7% | 32.0% | 26.3% | 4.1% |
| **WV Higher Education Grant** | 40.2% | 23.3% | 21.4% | 11.9% | 3.2% |
| **Federal Pell Grants** | 29.9% | 26.0% | 24.7% | 16.4% | 3.1% |
| **Federal Student Loans** | 24.3% | 25.3% | 27.3% | 19.8% | 3.4% |
| **Federal Work-Study** | 45.4% | 23.1% | 18.8% | 9.6% | 3.1% |
| **Scholarships** | 25.5% | 27.8% | 28.9% | 14.9% | 2.9% |
| **Requirements for College Acceptance** | 25.6% | 26.0% | 30.2% | 15.1% | 3.1% |
| **The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education** | 14.3% | 11.1% | 20.7% | 50.8% | 3.1% |
| **High School Graduation Requirements** | 11.4% | 17.2% | 33.7% | 34.9% | 2.8% |

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **7th Grade** | **Not at All** | **Slightly** | **Moderately** | **Extremely** | **No Response** |
| **College or university websites** | 30.7% | 24.5% | 23.2% | 13.7% | 8.0% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 46.2% | 21.5% | 15.3% | 7.8% | 9.1% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 44.8% | 22.8% | 15.5% | 7.4% | 9.5% |
| **College fairs** | 46.1% | 21.2% | 15.0% | 8.0% | 9.7% |
| **Television** | 33.8% | 35.5% | 17.1% | 5.3% | 8.4% |
| **Radio** | 8.4% | 46.9% | 27.8% | 12.3% | 4.3% |
| **Direct mail** | 48.8% | 22.6% | 13.7% | 6.4% | 8.5% |
| **E-mail** | 51.9% | 21.1% | 12.0% | 6.1% | 8.9% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 36.7% | 27.8% | 18.9% | 7.9% | 8.6% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 44.0% | 29.6% | 12.6% | 5.0% | 8.9% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 44.0% | 29.9% | 12.9% | 4.2% | 9.0% |
| **Text messages** | 63.4% | 15.3% | 7.7% | 4.6% | 9.0% |
| **School counselor** | 44.5% | 19.6% | 14.8% | 11.4% | 9.7% |
| **Family members** | 22.4% | 24.8% | 27.9% | 16.4% | 8.5% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 55.0% | 17.3% | 10.0% | 8.5% | 9.3% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 51.9% | 15.4% | 12.7% | 11.0% | 9.0% |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8th Grade** | **Not at All** | **Slightly** | **Moderately** | **Extremely** | **No Response** |
| **College or university websites** | 27.9% | 25.2% | 26.9% | 14.5% | 5.4% |
| **College Foundation of WV website** | 44.3% | 20.3% | 19.0% | 8.8% | 7.6% |
| **Other college planning websites** | 40.1% | 24.4% | 20.6% | 7.3% | 7.6% |
| **College fairs** | 45.4% | 22.4% | 17.0% | 7.7% | 7.6% |
| **Television** | 36.5% | 31.9% | 21.0% | 4.2% | 6.4% |
| **Radio** | 48.6% | 25.8% | 14.4% | 3.9% | 7.3% |
| **Direct mail** | 45.7% | 22.5% | 18.6% | 6.2% | 7.0% |
| **E-mail** | 50.1% | 20.7% | 15.7% | 6.5% | 7.0% |
| **Brochures and pamphlets** | 33.0% | 29.2% | 22.9% | 8.3% | 6.6% |
| **Magazines/newspapers** | 44.6% | 29.1% | 15.1% | 4.2% | 7.0% |
| **Signs, posters, or billboards** | 45.0% | 29.5% | 14.4% | 3.7% | 7.4% |
| **Text messages** | 62.8% | 15.9% | 10.5% | 3.6% | 7.1% |
| **School counselor** | 37.9% | 22.4% | 22.2% | 10.5% | 7.1% |
| **Family members** | 22.5% | 22.4% | 30.6% | 18.1% | 6.5% |
| **GEAR UP staff** | 52.3% | 19.6% | 13.8% | 7.2% | 7.1% |
| **College admissions representatives** | 49.4% | 18.7% | 15.4% | 9.5% | 7.1% |

**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)** | 35.8% | 37.5% |
| **Information about participating in GEAR UP events** | 66.2% | 62.3% |
| **Tutoring** | 40.0% | 40.0% |
| **Opportunities to participate in college visits** | 64.1% | 62.5% |
| **Information about college entrance requirements** | 68.0% | 70.7% |
| **Information about college financial aid/scholarships** | 72.8% | 75.6% |
| **Leadership opportunities** | 39.9% | 40.7% |
| **Summer activities** | 39.3% | 39.2% |
| **Career exploration activities** | 57.6% | 58.3% |
| **Test preparation** | 60.5% | 64.2% |
| **Assistance with the college entrance process** | 57.2% | 57.1% |
| **Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA)** | 56.0% | 56.0% |
| **Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish)** | 13.8% | 13.6% |
| **Other** | 4.4% | 3.4% |