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| School Name/Code | Survey Type | Grade Level | Number of Respondents (N) |
| All Participating Schools - Year 2 / NA | **Student Survey** | **8** | **2,518** |

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# **School Level Response Rates:**

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| --- | --- |
| Surveys Administered | 2847 |
| Surveys Received | 2,518 |
| School Response Rate (%) | **88.4%** |

# **Results (Percentages) by Survey Question**

1. **What is your gender?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | (%) |
| Female | 48.0% |
| Male | 50.4% |
| Other | 0.5% |
| No Response | 1.2% |

1. **What is your race?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | (%) |
| White | 90.6% |
| Black or African American | 3.6% |
| Asian | 0.2% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0.8% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.2% |
| Two or more races | 3.9% |
| No response | 0.7% |

1. **What is your ethnicity?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | (%) |
| Hispanic or Latino | 3.3% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 94.4% |
| No Response | 2.3% |

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | (%) |
| English | 98.2% |
| Spanish | 0.5% |
| Other | 0.0% |
| No Response | 1.3% |

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | (%) |
| $30,000 or less | 10.5% |
| $30,001 - $60,000 | 12.4% |
| $60,001 - $100,000 | 13.5% |
| $100,001 or more | 7.1% |
| I'd rather not say | 55.4% |
| No Response | 1.2% |

1. **What is the highest level of education obtained by your mother/father?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Mother  (%) | Father  (%) |
| Some high school | 8.9% | 12.1% |
| High school diploma/GED | 25.4% | 30.4% |
| Some college | 12.1% | 9.8% |
| 2-year college degree | 7.7% | 5.0% |
| 4-year college degree | 12.2% | 7.5% |
| Master's degree | 7.5% | 3.9% |
| Ph.D. or higher | 1.4% | 1.0% |
| Don't know | 23.8% | 29.5% |
| No Response | 0.9% | 0.8% |

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | (%) |
| 0 | 57.1% |
| 1 | 19.7% |
| 2 | 7.1% |
| 3 | 2.5% |
| 4 | 1.2% |
| 5 or more | 1.9% |
| I don't have brothers or sisters | 8.5% |
| No Response | 1.9% |

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | (%) |
| Yes | 89.9% |
| No | 6.9% |
| No Response | 3.2% |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | (%) |
| My grades aren’t good enough | | 1.9% |
| It costs too much/I can’t afford it | | 2.1% |
| I need to work | | 1.4% |
| I want to work | | 2.9% |
| Family issues | | 0.6% |
| I plan to enlist in the military | | 2.0% |
| Other |  | |

1. **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 | 29.8% | 45.9% | 18.6% | 4.7% | 0.9% |
| English/Language Arts | 33.6% | 52.5% | 8.9% | 3.9% | 1.1% |
| Science | 28.7% | 51.7% | 13.5% | 4.6% | 1.5% |
| Study Skills | 22.8% | 52.0% | 15.4% | 7.6% | 2.2% |
| Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment) | 32.6% | 44.5% | 10.7% | 9.6% | 2.6% |
| Ability to do well in college level courses in the future | 34.3% | 41.3% | 9.0% | 12.5% | 2.8% |

1. **What is the highest level of education that you...**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Would like to get?  (%) | Expect to get?  (%) |
| High school or less | 6.4% | 8.3% |
| Some college | 10.8% | 13.2% |
| Two-year associate's college degree | 9.1% | 16.1% |
| Four-year bachelor's college degree | 31.0% | 33.6% |
| More than a 4-year college degree | 41.7% | 27.4% |
| No Response | 1.0% | 1.5% |

1. **How sure are you about being able to do the following?**

|  | Very Sure  (%) | Sure  (%) | Somewhat Sure  (%) | Not at all Sure  (%) | Don’t Know  (%) | No Response  (%) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| I can find a way to pay for college. | 17.2% | 23.6% | 30.9% | 11.8% | 15.7% | 0.8% |
| I can get accepted to a college. | 19.1% | 31.1% | 28.4% | 9.7% | 10.8% | 1.0% |
| I can have family support for going to college. | 46.5% | 23.7% | 15.1% | 5.3% | 8.2% | 1.2% |
| I can choose a good college. | 37.9% | 32.7% | 17.8% | 4.2% | 6.0% | 1.4% |
| I can get a scholarship or grant for college. | 15.6% | 25.9% | 30.3% | 12.9% | 14.2% | 1.2% |
| I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college. | 17.9% | 30.9% | 29.2% | 9.8% | 10.8% | 1.4% |
| I can make my family proud with my choices after high school. | 45.9% | 28.5% | 14.7% | 3.8% | 5.9% | 1.2% |
| I can choose college courses that best fit my interests. | 35.2% | 34.4% | 18.1% | 4.9% | 6.2% | 1.3% |
| I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me. | 8.5% | 16.8% | 28.5% | 24.3% | 20.4% | 1.5% |
| I can get good grades in my high school math classes. | 20.1% | 28.9% | 28.4% | 11.1% | 10.3% | 1.3% |
| I can get good grades in my high school science classes. | 18.5% | 32.6% | 29.2% | 8.9% | 9.1% | 1.7% |
| I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college. | 25.3% | 35.9% | 22.9% | 6.4% | 8.3% | 1.2% |
| I know enough about computers to get into college. | 19.3% | 27.0% | 28.0% | 12.3% | 11.8% | 1.5% |
| I can go to college after high school. | 42.8% | 25.8% | 17.1% | 4.8% | 8.3% | 1.3% |

1. **If you do go to college, how sure are you about being able to do the following?**

|  | Very Sure  (%) | Sure  (%) | Somewhat Sure  (%) | Not at all Sure  (%) | Don’t Know  (%) | No Response  (%) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| I could pay for each year of college. | 12.6% | 20.2% | 29.6% | 16.1% | 20.3% | 1.3% |
| I could get A’s and B’s in college. | 16.6% | 27.8% | 31.4% | 11.1% | 11.7% | 1.5% |
| I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college. | 42.6% | 24.7% | 17.6% | 5.0% | 8.5% | 1.6% |
| I could take care of myself in college. | 38.4% | 32.4% | 17.1% | 4.1% | 6.2% | 1.7% |
| I could fit in at college. | 27.8% | 31.2% | 21.5% | 7.9% | 9.7% | 1.9% |
| I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship. | 23.5% | 33.0% | 25.1% | 7.5% | 9.3% | 1.5% |
| I could finish college and receive a college degree. | 33.6% | 31.8% | 18.9% | 5.0% | 8.8% | 1.9% |
| I could care for my family responsibilities while in college. | 25.0% | 31.9% | 24.6% | 6.7% | 10.2% | 1.6% |
| I could set my own schedule while in college. | 23.5% | 33.9% | 23.7% | 6.8% | 10.4% | 1.7% |
| I could make friends at college. | 40.7% | 30.5% | 15.1% | 5.0% | 7.3% | 1.4% |
| I could get the education I need for my choice of career. | 36.6% | 32.8% | 17.9% | 3.5% | 7.3% | 1.9% |
| I could get a job after I graduate from college. | 39.8% | 31.9% | 16.2% | 3.8% | 6.6% | 1.7% |
| I would like being in college. | 37.0% | 29.0% | 18.0% | 5.0% | 9.2% | 1.8% |
| I could be smart enough to finish college. | 32.4% | 32.5% | 19.6% | 5.4% | 8.2% | 1.8% |
| I could pick the right things to study at college. | 29.7% | 36.8% | 19.4% | 4.4% | 7.5% | 2.2% |
| I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes. | 31.5% | 33.1% | 19.6% | 5.2% | 8.7% | 1.9% |

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes  (%) | No  (%) | No Response  (%) |
| College Entrance Requirement | 70.7% | 27.8% | 1.5% |
| Availability of Financial Aid | 66.1% | 31.2% | 2.7% |

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | (%) |
| Yes | 69.3% |
| No | 26.9% |
| No Response | 3.8% |

1. **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?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A public 4-year college  (%) | A public community/ technical college  (%) | A public career/ technical center  (%) |
| Definitely | 23.9% | 25.6% | 26.6% |
| Probably | 40.6% | 39.1% | 39.3% |
| Not Sure | 23.2% | 23.9% | 23.4% |
| Probably Not | 5.8% | 5.2% | 4.5% |
| Definitely Not | 5.2% | 4.1% | 4.0% |
| No Response | 1.3% | 2.1% | 2.3% |

1. **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…**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | 4-year University or College  (%) | Public Community or Technical College  (%) |
| Up to $4,000 | 10.6% | 17.9% |
| $4,001 - $8,000 | 18.2% | 21.0% |
| $8,001 - $11,000 | 18.8% | 21.4% |
| $11,001 - $16,000 | 16.8% | 15.8% |
| $16,001 - $21,000 | 16.0% | 11.2% |
| $21,001 - $26,000 | 8.9% | 5.6% |
| >$26,000 | 9.2% | 4.9% |
| No response | 1.6% | 2.1% |

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Extremely  (%) | Moderately  (%) | Slightly  (%) | Not at All  (%) | No Response (%) |
| FAFSA | 5.7% | 20.8% | 31.7% | 39.6% | 2.2% |
| College Savings Plan/529 | 8.5% | 24.8% | 31.5% | 33.0% | 2.2% |
| ACT /SAT | 17.8% | 32.1% | 25.9% | 21.5% | 2.7% |
| WV Higher Education Grant | 12.4% | 27.9% | 28.7% | 28.6% | 2.4% |
| Federal Pell Grants | 7.3% | 21.0% | 27.9% | 41.1% | 2.6% |
| Federal Student Loans | 15.3% | 34.2% | 30.1% | 18.3% | 2.1% |
| Federal Work-Study | 9.3% | 24.8% | 28.2% | 35.5% | 2.3% |
| Scholarships | 30.7% | 37.3% | 19.3% | 10.8% | 2.0% |
| Requirements for College Acceptance | 21.0% | 37.2% | 25.0% | 14.3% | 2.5% |
| The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education | 37.0% | 32.1% | 17.4% | 11.3% | 2.2% |
| High School Graduation Requirements | 33.9% | 35.2% | 18.2% | 10.2% | 2.5% |

1. **How much money per academic year do you think you can get if you qualify for a…**

|  | Federal Pell Grant  (%) | WV Higher Education Grant  (%) | PROMISE Scholarship  (%) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Up to $1,000 | 11.2% | 8.5% | 8.3% |
| $1,001- $2000 | 9.8% | 8.2% | 6.9% |
| $2,001-$3,000 | 17.5% | 13.9% | 11.0% |
| $3,001-$4,000 | 17.3% | 18.6% | 14.6% |
| $4,001-$5,000 | 15.3% | 18.2% | 15.4% |
| $5,001-$6,000 | 10.5% | 13.4% | 15.4% |
| $6,001-$7,000 | 5.8% | 6.9% | 10.4% |
| >$7,000 | 8.1% | 8.4% | 15.2% |
| No Response | 4.5% | 3.9% | 2.8% |

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

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

|  | Extremely  (%) | Moderately  (%) | Slightly  (%) | Not at All  (%) | No Response (%) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| College or university websites | 21.9% | 33.6% | 26.3% | 16.2% | 2.1% |
| College Foundation of WV website | 20.7% | 32.8% | 24.5% | 19.7% | 2.4% |
| Other college planning websites | 14.1% | 31.9% | 27.6% | 23.6% | 2.8% |
| College fairs | 15.4% | 29.0% | 27.5% | 25.3% | 2.8% |
| Television | 17.9% | 32.8% | 28.9% | 18.3% | 2.1% |
| Radio | 14.7% | 26.4% | 27.8% | 28.8% | 2.3% |
| Direct mail | 14.1% | 25.3% | 24.2% | 34.0% | 2.3% |
| E-mail | 14.5% | 26.9% | 23.4% | 32.9% | 2.3% |
| Brochures and pamphlets | 15.8% | 34.4% | 27.5% | 20.2% | 2.1% |
| Magazines/newspapers | 13.5% | 28.5% | 30.4% | 25.3% | 2.4% |
| Signs, posters, or billboards | 16.2% | 32.6% | 29.3% | 19.5% | 2.4% |
| Text messages | 15.0% | 23.8% | 22.8% | 35.7% | 2.7% |
| School counselor | 27.4% | 32.7% | 21.2% | 16.0% | 2.6% |
| Family members | 33.5% | 35.1% | 18.5% | 10.3% | 2.7% |
| GEAR UP staff | 31.4% | 33.0% | 20.2% | 12.5% | 3.0% |
| College admissions representatives | 22.8% | 29.1% | 22.1% | 22.6% | 3.5% |

1. **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)?**

| Support Needed | | (%) |
| --- | --- | --- |
| More advanced classes (e.g., AP) | | 51.6% |
| Information about participating in GEAR UP events | | 48.2% |
| Tutoring | | 40.5% |
| Opportunities to participate in college visits | | 63.1% |
| Information about college entrance requirements | | 61.7% |
| Information about college financial aid/scholarships | | 59.7% |
| Leadership opportunities | | 45.5% |
| Summer activities | | 35.9% |
| Career exploration activities | | 54.8% |
| Test preparation | | 52.1% |
| Assistance with the college entrance process | | 49.6% |
| Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA) | | 44.0% |
| Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish) | | 30.3% |
| Other |  | |