



| School Name/Code | Survey Type | Grade Level | Number of Respondents (N) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Bluefield High School / 051502 | Student Survey | 9 | 178 |

School Level Response Rates:

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Surveys Administered | 199 |
| Surveys Received* | 178 |
| School Response Rate (%) | 89.4% |

*tables below include data only for those 177 students who provided assent.

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

| | (%) |
|-------------|-------|
| Female | 42.4% |
| Male | 57.6% |
| Other | 0.0% |
| No Response | 0.0% |

2. What is your race?

| | (%) |
|---|-------|
| White | 62.7% |
| Black or African American | 22.0% |
| Asian | 0.6% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 1.1% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% |
| Two or more races | 11.9% |
| Other | |
| No response | 1.7% |

3. What is your ethnicity?

| | (%) |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hispanic or Latino | 2.3% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 90.4% |
| Other | white African American |
| No Response | 7.3% |



4. What is the main language you speak at home?

| | (%) |
|-------------|-------|
| English | 98.9% |
| Spanish | 0.0% |
| Other | Hindi |
| No Response | 1.1% |

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

| | (%) |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| \$30,000 or less | 20.3% |
| \$30,001 - \$60,000 | 18.1% |
| \$60,001 - \$100,000 | 13.0% |
| \$100,001 or more | 3.4% |
| Don't know or I'd rather not say | 44.6% |
| No Response | 0.6% |

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

| | Mother (%) | Father (%) |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Some high school | 12.4% | 19.2% |
| High school diploma/GED | 22.0% | 20.9% |
| Some college | 12.4% | 10.2% |
| 2-year college degree | 10.7% | 3.4% |
| 4-year college degree | 10.7% | 8.5% |
| Master's degree | 7.9% | 1.1% |
| Ph.D. or higher | 0.6% | 0.0% |
| Don't know | 19.2% | 32.8% |
| No Response | 4.0% | 4.0% |

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

| | (%) |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| 0 | 45.8% |
| 1 | 22.6% |
| 2 | 11.3% |
| 3 | 1.7% |
| 4 | 1.1% |
| 5 or more | 2.3% |
| I don't have brothers or sisters | 7.9% |
| No Response | 7.3% |

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



| | (%) |
|-------------|-------|
| Yes | 83.6% |
| No | 8.5% |
| No Response | 7.9% |

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

| | (%) |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| My grades aren't good enough | 60.0% |
| It costs too much/I can't afford it | 73.3% |
| I need to work | 13.3% |
| I want to work | 40.0% |
| Family issues | 40.0% |
| I plan to enlist in the military | 13.3% |
| Other | |

9. 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 | 28.2% | 48.6% | 21.5% | 1.7% | 0.0% |
| English/Language Arts | 32.2% | 41.8% | 16.9% | 8.5% | 0.6% |
| Science | 19.8% | 40.1% | 31.1% | 8.5% | 0.6% |
| Study Skills | 19.2% | 50.3% | 25.4% | 4.0% | 1.1% |
| Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment) | 27.7% | 49.2% | 15.3% | 5.6% | 2.3% |
| Ability to do well in college level courses in the future | 33.3% | 35.6% | 18.1% | 9.6% | 3.4% |

10. What is the highest level of education that you...

| | Would like to get? (%) | Expect to get? (%) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| High school or less | 9.0% | 13.0% |
| Some college | 13.6% | 13.0% |
| Two-year associate's college degree | 11.3% | 13.0% |
| Four-year bachelor's college degree | 35.6% | 39.0% |
| More than a 4-year college degree | 26.0% | 17.5% |
| No Response | 4.5% | 4.5% |

11. 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. | 14.1% | 23.7% | 34.5% | 11.3% | 16.4% | 0.0% |
| I can get accepted to a college. | 16.4% | 34.5% | 29.4% | 10.7% | 8.5% | 0.6% |
| I can have family support for going to college. | 43.5% | 20.3% | 18.6% | 7.9% | 8.5% | 1.1% |
| I can choose a good college. | 26.6% | 39.5% | 18.6% | 7.9% | 6.8% | 0.6% |
| I can get a scholarship or grant for college. | 9.0% | 29.4% | 35.0% | 14.7% | 10.7% | 1.1% |
| I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college. | 9.6% | 35.6% | 37.3% | 9.6% | 7.3% | 0.6% |
| I can make my family proud with my choices after high school. | 36.2% | 30.5% | 19.8% | 8.5% | 5.1% | 0.0% |
| I can choose college courses that best fit my interests. | 25.4% | 41.8% | 20.3% | 7.9% | 4.0% | 0.6% |
| I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me. | 6.8% | 18.6% | 31.6% | 24.9% | 17.5% | 0.6% |
| I can get good grades in my high school math classes. | 20.3% | 35.0% | 27.1% | 11.9% | 5.1% | 0.6% |
| I can get good grades in my high school science classes. | 12.4% | 31.6% | 30.5% | 15.3% | 8.5% | 1.7% |
| I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college. | 19.8% | 42.4% | 23.7% | 8.5% | 5.1% | 0.6% |
| I know enough about computers to get into college. | 18.6% | 31.1% | 28.8% | 11.3% | 9.6% | 0.6% |
| I can go to college after high school. | 36.7% | 29.9% | 19.8% | 7.9% | 5.1% | 0.6% |

12. 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. | 7.9% | 20.3% | 38.4% | 15.8% | 17.5% | 0.0% |
| I could get A's and B's in college. | 13.6% | 29.4% | 31.1% | 15.3% | 10.7% | 0.0% |
| I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college. | 46.9% | 22.6% | 15.3% | 7.9% | 7.3% | 0.0% |
| I could take care of myself in college. | 34.5% | 35.0% | 18.6% | 5.1% | 6.8% | 0.0% |
| I could fit in at college. | 24.9% | 29.9% | 25.4% | 10.7% | 9.0% | 0.0% |
| I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship. | 23.7% | 32.8% | 26.6% | 7.9% | 9.0% | 0.0% |
| I could finish college and receive a college degree. | 32.2% | 26.6% | 26.0% | 8.5% | 6.2% | 0.6% |
| I could care for my family responsibilities while in college. | 16.9% | 36.7% | 26.0% | 10.7% | 8.5% | 1.1% |



| | Very Sure (%) | Sure (%) | Somewhat Sure (%) | Not at all Sure (%) | Don't Know (%) | No Response (%) |
|---|---------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| I could set my own schedule while in college. | 21.5% | 33.9% | 28.2% | 8.5% | 6.8% | 1.1% |
| I could make friends at college. | 33.9% | 29.4% | 20.9% | 9.0% | 6.2% | 0.6% |
| I could get the education I need for my choice of career. | 32.2% | 37.3% | 16.4% | 7.9% | 5.6% | 0.6% |
| I could get a job after I graduate from college. | 39.0% | 29.9% | 17.5% | 6.2% | 6.2% | 1.1% |
| I would like being in college. | 29.9% | 31.1% | 22.0% | 7.9% | 8.5% | 0.6% |
| I could be smart enough to finish college. | 31.6% | 30.5% | 22.0% | 10.2% | 5.6% | 0.0% |
| I could pick the right things to study at college. | 24.3% | 37.9% | 24.9% | 7.3% | 5.1% | 0.6% |
| I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes. | 27.1% | 35.0% | 24.9% | 6.8% | 5.6% | 0.6% |

13. Has anyone from your school or GEAR UP ever spoken with you about...

| | Yes (%) | No (%) | No Response (%) |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|
| College Entrance Requirement | 68.9% | 28.2% | 2.8% |
| Availability of Financial Aid | 60.5% | 33.3% | 6.2% |

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

| | (%) |
|-------------|-------|
| Yes | 71.2% |
| No | 22.6% |
| No Response | 6.2% |

15. 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 | 19.8% | 24.9% | 25.4% |
| Probably | 46.3% | 45.8% | 41.8% |
| Not Sure | 25.4% | 22.0% | 27.1% |
| Probably Not | 5.6% | 4.5% | 2.3% |
| Definitely Not | 2.8% | 2.8% | 2.3% |
| No Response | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.1% |



16. 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 | 4.0% | 13.6% |
| \$4,001 - \$8,000 | 23.7% | 27.1% |
| \$8,001 - \$11,000 | 18.1% | 19.8% |
| \$11,001 - \$16,000 | 19.8% | 11.9% |
| \$16,001 - \$21,000 | 13.6% | 13.0% |
| \$21,001 - \$26,000 | 7.3% | 4.5% |
| >\$26,000 | 5.6% | 2.3% |
| No response | 7.9% | 7.9% |

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

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

| | Extremely (%) | Moderately (%) | Slightly (%) | Not at All (%) | No Response (%) |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| FAFSA | 10.7% | 16.4% | 30.5% | 35.0% | 7.3% |
| College Savings Plan/529 | 12.4% | 22.0% | 24.3% | 32.8% | 8.5% |
| ACT /SAT | 24.3% | 30.5% | 21.5% | 15.8% | 7.9% |
| WV Higher Education Grant | 11.9% | 30.5% | 27.1% | 22.0% | 8.5% |
| Federal Pell Grants | 11.3% | 23.2% | 29.4% | 28.2% | 7.9% |
| Federal Student Loans | 16.9% | 34.5% | 31.1% | 10.2% | 7.3% |
| Federal Work-Study | 9.6% | 27.7% | 28.8% | 26.0% | 7.9% |
| Scholarships | 34.5% | 35.6% | 19.2% | 2.8% | 7.9% |
| Requirements for College Acceptance | 23.7% | 38.4% | 26.0% | 4.5% | 7.3% |
| The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education | 45.2% | 29.4% | 13.6% | 3.4% | 8.5% |
| High School Graduation Requirements | 42.9% | 31.6% | 13.6% | 4.0% | 7.9% |

18. What do you think is the maximum amount of money per academic year that is available to help pay for college...

| | Federal Pell Grant (%) | WV Higher Education Grant (%) | PROMISE Scholarship (%) |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Up to \$1,000 | 2.3% | 0.6% | 2.8% |
| \$1,001- \$2000 | 6.2% | 5.6% | 3.4% |
| \$2,001-\$3,000 | 10.7% | 15.8% | 8.5% |
| \$3,001-\$4,000 | 13.6% | 12.4% | 13.0% |
| \$4,001-\$5,000 | 23.2% | 17.5% | 17.5% |
| \$5,001-\$6,000 | 19.8% | 20.3% | 18.6% |



| | Federal Pell Grant (%) | WV Higher Education Grant (%) | PROMISE Scholarship (%) |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$6,001-\$7,000 | 7.9% | 10.7% | 9.6% |
| >\$7,000 | 8.5% | 9.0% | 17.5% |
| No Response | 7.9% | 7.9% | 9.0% |

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

19. 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 | 20.9% | 37.3% | 28.8% | 11.9% | 1.1% |
| College Foundation of WV website | 17.5% | 35.6% | 25.4% | 19.2% | 2.3% |
| Other college planning websites | 15.8% | 32.8% | 31.1% | 19.2% | 1.1% |
| College fairs | 11.3% | 36.2% | 28.8% | 22.0% | 1.7% |
| Television | 12.4% | 35.0% | 39.0% | 12.4% | 1.1% |
| Radio | 13.0% | 28.2% | 32.8% | 24.3% | 1.7% |
| Direct mail | 14.1% | 28.8% | 29.4% | 26.0% | 1.7% |
| E-mail | 14.1% | 33.9% | 24.3% | 26.6% | 1.1% |
| Brochures and pamphlets | 18.1% | 37.3% | 30.5% | 13.0% | 1.1% |
| Magazines/newspapers | 14.1% | 28.2% | 31.1% | 25.4% | 1.1% |
| Signs, posters, or billboards | 15.8% | 34.5% | 34.5% | 14.7% | 0.6% |
| Text messages | 13.6% | 24.9% | 26.6% | 33.9% | 1.1% |
| School counselor | 29.4% | 39.0% | 20.9% | 9.6% | 1.1% |
| Family members | 33.9% | 37.9% | 18.1% | 8.5% | 1.7% |
| GEAR UP staff | 23.7% | 35.0% | 27.1% | 12.4% | 1.7% |
| College admissions representatives | 22.6% | 24.3% | 33.9% | 17.5% | 1.7% |

20. 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) | 40.7% |
| Information about participating in GEAR UP events | 53.7% |
| Tutoring | 46.3% |
| Opportunities to participate in college visits | 68.4% |
| Information about college entrance requirements | 63.8% |
| Information about college financial aid/scholarships | 68.9% |
| Leadership opportunities | 36.7% |
| Summer activities | 36.2% |



| Support Needed | (%) |
|---|-------|
| Career exploration activities | 54.8% |
| Test preparation | 49.2% |
| Assistance with the college entrance process | 55.4% |
| Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA) | 46.3% |
| Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish) | 26.0% |
| Other | |