



Report/Name	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
County / NICHOLAS	Student Survey	12	213

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### School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	263
Surveys Received*	213
<b>School Response Rate (%)</b>	<b>81.0%</b>

\*tables below include data only for those 205 students who provided assent.

### Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

#### 1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Female	45.4%
Male	53.7%
Other	0.5%
No Response	0.5%

#### 2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	96.6%
Black or African American	1.0%
Asian	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	1.0%
Other	
No response	1.0%

#### 3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	2.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	81.0%
Other	white; english; White
No Response	17.1%

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



	(%)
English	97.6%
Spanish	0.5%
Other	
No Response	2.0%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	20.0%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	27.3%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	16.1%
\$100,001 or more	9.3%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	27.3%
No Response	0.0%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	5.4%	12.2%
High school diploma/GED	39.0%	46.8%
Some college	15.6%	11.2%
2-year college degree	8.3%	4.9%
4-year college degree	15.6%	12.7%
Master's degree	8.8%	2.9%
Ph.D. or higher	1.0%	1.5%
Don't know	5.9%	7.3%
No Response	0.5%	0.5%

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

	(%)
0	55.1%
1	25.4%
2	6.3%
3	3.9%
4	1.5%
5 or more	0.0%
I don't have brothers or sisters	7.3%
No Response	0.5%

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

	(%)
Yes	89.8%
No	8.8%



No Response	1.5%
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**8b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education?**

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	16.7%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	38.9%
I need to work	33.3%
I want to work	38.9%
Family issues	5.6%
I plan to enlist in the military	22.2%
Other I plan to be a Police Officer	

**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	20.0%	42.4%	35.1%	2.0%	0.5%
English/Language Arts	35.6%	56.1%	4.9%	2.9%	0.5%
Science	24.9%	55.1%	12.2%	5.9%	2.0%
Study Skills	17.1%	59.5%	18.5%	3.4%	1.5%
Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment)	22.9%	51.2%	15.1%	9.3%	1.5%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	25.9%	52.7%	9.8%	8.8%	2.9%

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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	4.9%	6.8%
Some college	17.1%	18.0%
Two-year associate's college degree	10.2%	11.2%
Four-year bachelor's college degree	38.0%	41.0%
More than a 4-year college degree	28.8%	22.4%
No Response	1.0%	0.5%

**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.	14.6%	21.0%	42.0%	15.6%	5.9%	1.0%
I can get accepted to a college.	47.8%	17.6%	23.4%	4.4%	6.8%	0.0%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I can have family support for going to college.	42.9%	29.3%	16.1%	7.3%	4.4%	0.0%
I can choose a good college.	44.4%	31.7%	16.1%	3.9%	3.4%	0.5%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	18.5%	25.4%	27.3%	18.0%	10.7%	0.0%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	17.6%	36.1%	26.3%	12.2%	7.3%	0.5%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	47.3%	29.8%	15.6%	3.9%	2.9%	0.5%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	36.1%	38.5%	18.5%	3.9%	2.9%	0.0%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	10.2%	14.6%	31.2%	31.2%	12.7%	0.0%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	27.8%	29.8%	30.2%	6.3%	5.9%	0.0%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	32.7%	35.6%	21.0%	5.4%	5.4%	0.0%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	30.7%	37.1%	21.5%	5.4%	5.4%	0.0%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	31.2%	36.6%	16.6%	8.3%	7.3%	0.0%
I can go to college after high school.	49.8%	28.8%	11.2%	4.9%	4.4%	1.0%

**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.	12.2%	21.0%	35.1%	18.5%	12.2%	1.0%
I could get A's and B's in college.	12.7%	30.2%	37.1%	11.7%	7.3%	1.0%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	46.3%	26.8%	14.6%	4.9%	6.3%	1.0%
I could take care of myself in college.	38.0%	36.6%	15.1%	2.9%	6.3%	1.0%
I could fit in at college.	33.2%	36.1%	18.5%	4.9%	6.3%	1.0%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	27.3%	31.7%	23.9%	8.3%	7.8%	1.0%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	40.0%	31.7%	16.6%	4.4%	5.9%	1.5%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	25.4%	34.1%	26.3%	6.8%	6.3%	1.0%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	27.3%	37.6%	20.0%	7.8%	6.3%	1.0%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I could make friends at college.	36.6%	36.6%	14.1%	6.8%	4.9%	1.0%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	36.6%	38.5%	14.6%	4.4%	4.9%	1.0%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	37.6%	36.1%	15.6%	4.4%	5.4%	1.0%
I would like being in college.	32.7%	30.2%	22.4%	6.8%	6.3%	1.5%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	33.7%	36.6%	15.6%	5.4%	6.8%	2.0%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	30.2%	37.6%	19.5%	4.4%	6.8%	1.5%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	28.8%	39.5%	19.0%	5.4%	5.4%	2.0%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement	74.6%	23.9%	1.5%
Availability of Financial Aid	86.8%	12.2%	1.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	79.5%
No	18.5%
No Response	2.0%

**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	25.9%	32.2%	37.1%
Probably	40.0%	38.0%	35.6%
Not Sure	17.1%	15.1%	14.6%
Probably Not	8.3%	3.9%	3.4%
Definitely Not	7.8%	4.4%	3.9%
No Response	1.0%	6.3%	5.4%



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	5.4%	19.0%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	17.1%	31.7%
\$8,001 - \$11,000	24.4%	23.9%
\$11,001 - \$16,000	16.1%	10.7%
\$16,001 - \$21,000	16.6%	7.8%
\$21,001 - \$26,000	12.2%	2.4%
>\$26,000	7.3%	3.9%
No response	1.0%	0.5%

\*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	33.7%	45.4%	13.2%	6.8%	1.0%
College Savings Plan/529	7.8%	24.9%	24.4%	42.0%	1.0%
ACT /SAT	50.2%	34.6%	9.3%	4.9%	1.0%
WV Higher Education Grant	10.7%	35.6%	25.4%	27.3%	1.0%
Federal Pell Grants	10.7%	32.2%	26.8%	28.8%	1.5%
Federal Student Loans	15.6%	44.9%	24.9%	13.7%	1.0%
Federal Work-Study	12.2%	36.6%	22.0%	27.3%	2.0%
Scholarships	43.9%	36.6%	13.2%	5.4%	1.0%
Requirements for College Acceptance	41.5%	37.1%	14.1%	5.4%	2.0%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	51.7%	30.2%	11.7%	5.4%	1.0%
High School Graduation Requirements	62.4%	27.3%	6.3%	2.4%	1.5%

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	6.8%	4.4%	2.9%
\$1,001- \$2000	5.9%	4.4%	5.4%
\$2,001-\$3,000	9.3%	13.2%	6.3%
\$3,001-\$4,000	17.1%	15.6%	13.2%
\$4,001-\$5,000	21.5%	22.4%	34.6%



	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
\$5,001-\$6,000	22.4%	18.5%	10.7%
\$6,001-\$7,000	4.4%	8.8%	9.8%
>\$7,000	10.7%	11.2%	15.6%
No Response	2.0%	1.5%	1.5%

\*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	39.0%	36.6%	16.6%	6.3%	1.5%
College Foundation of WV website	28.8%	37.6%	23.4%	8.3%	2.0%
Other college planning websites	16.1%	35.1%	30.7%	16.1%	2.0%
College fairs	30.2%	38.5%	19.5%	9.3%	2.4%
Television	10.2%	27.8%	27.8%	32.2%	2.0%
Radio	10.2%	23.9%	22.4%	41.5%	2.0%
Direct mail	25.4%	36.1%	20.5%	16.1%	2.0%
E-mail	30.7%	35.6%	15.1%	16.6%	2.0%
Brochures and pamphlets	19.5%	41.5%	22.9%	14.1%	2.0%
Magazines/newspapers	10.7%	29.3%	25.4%	32.7%	2.0%
Signs, posters, or billboards	13.2%	29.8%	23.9%	31.2%	2.0%
Text messages	15.6%	24.9%	21.5%	35.6%	2.4%
School counselor	31.2%	35.1%	17.6%	13.2%	2.9%
Family members	26.8%	40.0%	20.0%	11.2%	2.0%
GEAR UP staff	22.9%	36.6%	20.5%	17.6%	2.4%
College admissions representatives	27.8%	40.0%	16.1%	13.7%	2.4%

**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)	26.3%
Information about participating in GEAR UP events	33.7%
Tutoring	34.6%
Opportunities to participate in college visits	51.7%
Information about college entrance requirements	44.9%
Information about college financial aid/scholarships	59.0%
Leadership opportunities	25.4%



Support Needed	(%)
Summer activities	20.0%
Career exploration activities	53.2%
Test preparation	44.9%
Assistance with the college entrance process	40.5%
Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA)	37.1%
Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish)	12.2%
Other	Not being counted absent after so many college visits if you are a senior. College is about the rest of your life and you want to make the best decisions possible.; DONT CARE ENOUGH; counseling;

**21. Have you completed your FAFSA yet?**

	(%)
No, I do not plan to complete it this academic year.	12.2%
No, but I plan to complete it this academic year.	33.7%
Yes.	52.7%
No Response	1.5%

**22. Have you taken the SAT or ACT tests?**

	(%)
No, and I do not plan to take either this academic year.	14.6%
No, but I plan to take SAT and/or ACT this academic year.	22.0%
Yes.	62.4%
No Response	1.0%

**23. How many college applications have you completed?**

	(%)
0, and I do not plan to complete any this academic year.	8.8%
0, but I plan to complete one or more this academic year.	15.6%
1.	21.5%
2 or more.	52.7%
No Response	1.5%