



Report/Name	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
All Participating Schools - Year 3 /	Student Survey	12	1351

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	2484
Surveys Received*	1351
School Response Rate (%)	54.4%

*tables below include data only for those 1329 students who provided assent.

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Female	46.8%
Male	51.8%
Other	1.1%
No Response	0.3%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	90.5%
Black or African American	4.4%
Asian	0.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
Two or more races	3.2%
Other	
No response	0.8%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	2.7%
Not Hispanic or Latino	75.3%
Other	
No Response	22.0%

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

(%)



English	98.2%
Spanish	0.5%
Other	
No Response	1.3%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	26.3%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	21.5%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	13.9%
\$100,001 or more	5.6%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	32.4%
No Response	0.2%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	11.4%	13.7%
High school diploma/GED	35.7%	45.7%
Some college	16.6%	12.8%
2-year college degree	8.6%	4.7%
4-year college degree	13.4%	7.2%
Master's degree	5.7%	2.5%
Ph.D. or higher	0.7%	1.4%
Don't know	7.7%	11.9%
No Response	0.4%	0.2%

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

	(%)
0	52.3%
1	26.5%
2	8.6%
3	2.7%
4	0.7%
5 or more	1.0%
I don't have brothers or sisters	7.1%
No Response	1.1%

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

	(%)
Yes	86.5%
No	10.6%
No Response	2.9%



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

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	27.0%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	32.6%
I need to work	39.7%
I want to work	43.3%
Family issues	12.8%
I plan to enlist in the military	21.3%
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	20.3%	41.2%	34.3%	3.8%	0.4%
English/Language Arts	34.2%	51.3%	11.1%	2.9%	0.5%
Science	24.1%	54.9%	16.2%	4.3%	0.6%
Study Skills	18.7%	56.5%	18.1%	5.2%	1.4%
Ability to pass the end-of-year tests (e.g., WESTEST 2, Smarter Balanced Assessment)	23.0%	48.2%	19.6%	7.5%	1.7%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	24.2%	50.4%	13.9%	10.1%	1.4%

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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	8.7%	11.1%
Some college	12.1%	13.7%
Two-year associate's college degree	11.6%	13.2%
Four-year bachelor's college degree	37.5%	39.1%
More than a 4-year college degree	29.6%	22.4%
No Response	0.5%	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.	14.7%	22.0%	33.2%	16.9%	12.1%	1.1%
I can get accepted to a college.	37.8%	24.5%	18.7%	9.4%	8.7%	1.1%
I can have family support for going to college.	39.2%	25.8%	17.2%	8.8%	7.8%	1.2%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I can choose a good college.	38.8%	31.1%	15.3%	6.8%	6.5%	1.7%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	19.5%	23.6%	26.1%	17.4%	12.0%	1.4%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	18.5%	32.0%	26.9%	12.4%	9.0%	1.2%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	42.5%	29.1%	15.4%	5.6%	6.2%	1.2%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	31.9%	34.3%	19.8%	6.6%	6.2%	1.2%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	11.4%	14.9%	25.9%	32.0%	14.8%	1.1%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	26.0%	28.0%	26.8%	10.6%	7.2%	1.4%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	27.5%	33.2%	23.8%	7.2%	6.7%	1.6%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	29.1%	33.6%	21.0%	7.4%	7.5%	1.4%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	27.8%	32.0%	21.2%	9.7%	7.8%	1.4%
I can go to college after high school.	44.1%	26.4%	14.5%	6.5%	6.6%	1.8%

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.	10.5%	19.0%	29.5%	22.1%	16.8%	2.0%
I could get A's and B's in college.	13.9%	27.1%	34.2%	13.5%	9.0%	2.3%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	38.8%	26.2%	17.4%	6.9%	8.6%	2.1%
I could take care of myself in college.	32.6%	32.7%	19.6%	6.5%	6.5%	2.0%
I could fit in at college.	28.1%	31.3%	21.7%	8.2%	8.4%	2.3%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	22.9%	30.2%	25.4%	10.7%	8.6%	2.2%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	32.8%	32.1%	18.4%	7.4%	7.1%	2.3%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	21.5%	32.7%	24.7%	9.9%	9.0%	2.3%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	23.1%	34.8%	24.0%	7.9%	7.8%	2.3%
I could make friends at college.	33.5%	32.9%	18.1%	6.5%	6.9%	2.1%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	34.2%	33.5%	17.8%	5.8%	6.5%	2.2%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	33.9%	32.7%	18.4%	6.1%	6.9%	2.1%
I would like being in college.	29.6%	30.8%	20.5%	8.5%	8.2%	2.5%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	31.6%	32.7%	18.7%	7.5%	7.1%	2.4%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	28.2%	34.6%	20.4%	6.9%	7.2%	2.6%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	26.6%	36.6%	20.2%	7.1%	7.1%	2.4%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement	71.4%	27.5%	1.1%
Availability of Financial Aid	78.7%	18.8%	2.5%

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

	(%)
Yes	75.8%
No	19.6%
No Response	4.7%

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	22.9%	32.2%	34.1%
Probably	38.8%	37.5%	35.8%
Not Sure	23.3%	19.2%	19.0%
Probably Not	7.2%	4.2%	4.1%
Definitely Not	6.8%	4.1%	4.5%
No Response	1.1%	2.8%	2.5%



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	8.0%	23.2%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	22.6%	28.1%
\$8,001 - \$11,000	21.1%	21.2%
\$11,001 - \$16,000	17.7%	13.2%
\$16,001 - \$21,000	16.3%	6.5%
\$21,001 - \$26,000	7.2%	3.5%
>\$26,000	5.9%	3.0%
No response	1.1%	1.3%

*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	38.6%	36.6%	15.0%	7.8%	2.1%
College Savings Plan/529	11.0%	22.9%	24.3%	39.3%	2.6%
ACT /SAT	51.4%	29.0%	10.9%	6.4%	2.3%
WV Higher Education Grant	18.8%	32.1%	25.0%	21.9%	2.2%
Federal Pell Grants	17.8%	30.9%	26.0%	23.3%	2.0%
Federal Student Loans	21.2%	37.2%	24.6%	14.8%	2.2%
Federal Work-Study	16.7%	31.5%	24.3%	25.2%	2.3%
Scholarships	40.5%	34.6%	15.0%	7.9%	2.0%
Requirements for College Acceptance	39.0%	35.3%	14.8%	8.5%	2.4%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	50.2%	28.5%	11.8%	7.3%	2.2%
High School Graduation Requirements	55.8%	27.0%	8.7%	5.8%	2.6%

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	6.4%	5.7%	4.8%
\$1,001- \$2000	8.0%	6.5%	6.5%
\$2,001-\$3,000	13.0%	15.0%	7.8%
\$3,001-\$4,000	18.0%	17.8%	13.7%
\$4,001-\$5,000	19.2%	19.6%	27.9%



	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	PROMISE Scholarship (%)
\$5,001-\$6,000	16.6%	15.1%	12.0%
\$6,001-\$7,000	5.8%	7.8%	7.5%
>\$7,000	9.9%	10.2%	18.1%
No Response	3.2%	2.2%	1.7%

*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	34.1%	37.2%	17.4%	9.2%	2.1%
College Foundation of WV website	24.4%	38.4%	22.0%	12.8%	2.4%
Other college planning websites	18.2%	38.5%	25.4%	15.7%	2.2%
College fairs	28.4%	39.4%	19.0%	10.8%	2.4%
Television	13.2%	30.8%	28.1%	25.7%	2.3%
Radio	11.7%	27.3%	25.6%	33.0%	2.5%
Direct mail	26.5%	36.2%	19.1%	16.2%	2.0%
E-mail	30.3%	35.1%	18.4%	14.1%	2.1%
Brochures and pamphlets	21.6%	38.7%	24.4%	13.0%	2.3%
Magazines/newspapers	12.8%	29.3%	26.5%	29.4%	2.0%
Signs, posters, or billboards	13.2%	31.4%	26.9%	26.3%	2.3%
Text messages	16.3%	30.3%	22.1%	29.0%	2.3%
School counselor	34.3%	34.2%	17.0%	12.0%	2.6%
Family members	26.1%	39.7%	19.9%	12.0%	2.3%
GEAR UP staff	19.1%	33.6%	23.6%	20.8%	2.9%
College admissions representatives	28.7%	37.3%	18.2%	12.8%	3.0%

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)	30.2%
Information about participating in GEAR UP events	34.5%
Tutoring	35.5%
Opportunities to participate in college visits	50.2%
Information about college entrance requirements	44.8%
Information about college financial aid/scholarships	51.6%
Leadership opportunities	29.0%



Support Needed	(%)
Summer activities	22.6%
Career exploration activities	42.4%
Test preparation	47.0%
Assistance with the college entrance process	42.4%
Assistance with completing financial aid forms (e.g., FAFSA)	41.3%
Information and events presented in other languages (e.g., Spanish)	13.8%
Other	

21. Have you completed your FAFSA yet?

	(%)
No, I do not plan to complete it this academic year.	13.3%
No, but I plan to complete it this academic year.	38.1%
Yes.	47.6%
No Response	1.1%

22. Have you taken the SAT or ACT tests?

	(%)
No, and I do not plan to take either this academic year.	14.3%
No, but I plan to take SAT and/or ACT this academic year.	31.1%
Yes.	53.3%
No Response	1.3%

23. How many college applications have you completed?

	(%)
0, and I do not plan to complete any this academic year.	12.0%
0, but I plan to complete one or more this academic year.	20.0%
1.	17.2%
2 or more.	49.9%
No Response	0.9%