



School Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Mercer County / 051	Student Survey	10	553

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	642
Grade 10 Surveys Received	553
School Response Rate (%)*	86.1%

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

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	48.1%
Female	50.5%
Other	1.3%
No Response	0.2%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	80.8%
Black or African American	9.6%
Asian	0.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
Two or more races	6.0%
Other	russian,; apache at;
No response	1.1%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	3.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	72.7%
Other	caucasian; italian; African- American; White; white;



	White; White American; White American; Caucasian; African American And Hatian;
No Response	23.7%

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

	(%)
English	98.4%
Spanish	0.7%
Other	
No Response	0.9%

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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	13.9%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	16.3%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	18.6%
\$100,001 or more	7.1%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	43.8%
No Response	0.4%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	10.1%	11.4%
High school diploma/GED	19.7%	30.0%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	13.6%	10.3%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	8.1%	5.2%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	19.5%	11.6%
Master's degree	9.9%	4.0%
Ph.D. or higher	1.3%	1.8%



Don't know	16.5%	24.2%
No Response	1.3%	1.4%

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

	(%)
0	48.8%
1	26.4%
2	9.6%
3	3.4%
4	1.4%
5 or more	1.4%
I don't have brothers or sisters	7.4%
No Response	1.4%

8. 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	33.6%	40.3%	20.8%	4.2%	1.1%
English/Language Arts	37.4%	50.8%	7.2%	3.1%	1.4%
Science	19.2%	54.2%	21.3%	3.8%	1.4%
Study Skills	19.3%	53.7%	19.3%	5.4%	2.2%
Ability to pass the end-of-year tests	32.7%	47.2%	12.3%	5.6%	2.2%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	27.8%	49.5%	11.4%	9.6%	1.6%
Ability to pass college entrance exams in the future (e.g., ACT)	11.9%	24.1%	46.1%	14.8%	3.1%

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

	(%)
Yes	87.3%
No	9.6%
No Response	3.1%

9b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education?

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	2.2%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	2.0%
I need to work	3.8%
I want to work	4.5%
Family issues	1.1%



I plan to enlist in the military	2.0%
Other:	i dont see the point and i want to travel not be held down for schooling for another 2-1 yrs; cause just no; dislike of school; don't like school; don't like to school; i'm going into asplin;



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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	5.6%	8.0%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	10.3%	13.0%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	9.2%	12.8%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	34.4%	37.6%
More than a 4-year college degree	38.7%	26.9%
No Response	1.8%	1.6%

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.	17.4%	24.4%	30.6%	11.9%	14.3%	1.4%
I can get accepted to a college.	21.7%	32.7%	23.7%	9.0%	11.2%	1.6%
I can have family support for going to college.	45.0%	23.3%	15.7%	6.9%	7.2%	1.8%
I can choose a good college.	32.9%	33.1%	17.9%	6.1%	7.8%	2.2%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	14.5%	26.6%	28.8%	14.6%	13.9%	1.6%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	18.3%	30.6%	29.7%	9.2%	10.3%	2.0%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	38.3%	32.5%	15.9%	4.7%	6.9%	1.6%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	32.4%	32.4%	20.6%	5.1%	8.3%	1.3%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	9.0%	19.7%	28.4%	25.5%	15.6%	1.8%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	25.0%	30.2%	24.6%	10.3%	7.8%	2.2%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	16.5%	33.3%	28.6%	10.3%	9.4%	2.0%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	24.1%	33.6%	26.4%	6.5%	8.0%	1.4%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	18.3%	30.9%	26.2%	11.6%	11.6%	1.4%
I can go to college after high school.	36.3%	28.9%	19.3%	5.6%	8.3%	1.4%



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%	22.6%	30.7%	17.2%	17.2%	1.8%
I could get A's and B's in college.	14.6%	30.7%	31.3%	10.5%	11.0%	1.8%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	40.9%	25.3%	18.1%	5.1%	8.1%	2.5%
I could take care of myself in college.	31.6%	35.3%	20.4%	3.4%	7.8%	1.4%
I could fit in at college.	27.5%	32.7%	23.5%	6.0%	8.3%	2.0%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	23.1%	32.4%	24.6%	9.0%	9.4%	1.4%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	30.9%	32.9%	21.2%	5.2%	8.0%	1.8%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	22.2%	34.2%	24.8%	7.4%	9.6%	1.8%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	24.8%	34.0%	24.1%	5.6%	9.6%	2.0%
I could make friends at college.	32.5%	32.4%	19.3%	6.3%	8.0%	1.4%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	33.1%	33.3%	20.4%	3.4%	7.6%	2.2%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	33.8%	33.8%	17.5%	4.7%	8.0%	2.2%
I would like being in college.	29.8%	29.5%	24.4%	4.2%	9.9%	2.2%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	32.0%	32.7%	19.7%	5.6%	7.8%	2.2%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	28.0%	33.5%	23.5%	4.5%	8.3%	2.2%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	29.1%	36.2%	20.3%	4.9%	7.6%	2.0%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement?	68.7%	28.9%	2.4%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	61.8%	34.2%	4.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	65.5%
No	29.8%
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	26.4%	31.3%	33.3%
Probably	38.9%	35.8%	35.8%
Not Sure	21.0%	21.2%	21.2%
Probably Not	6.1%	5.1%	3.8%
Definitely Not	5.2%	3.8%	3.1%
No Response	2.4%	2.9%	2.9%

16. On average, how much do you think it costs for one year of in-state tuition to attend the following college options in West Virginia? (your estimate should not include the cost of food, housing, or books).

	4-year University or College (%)	Public Community or Technical College (%)
Up to \$4,000	9.8%	21.5%
\$4,001 - \$8,000	19.3%	22.2%
\$8,001 - \$11,000	22.2%	19.5%
\$11,001 - \$16,000	17.5%	12.5%
\$16,001 - \$21,000	13.9%	10.8%
\$21,001 - \$26,000	8.5%	4.5%
>\$26,000	6.3%	3.3%
No response	2.4%	5.6%

*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 (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	7.4%	26.6%	30.4%	31.5%	4.2%
College Savings Plan/529	7.8%	23.1%	28.0%	37.3%	3.8%
ACT /SAT	20.8%	40.1%	24.1%	10.5%	4.5%
WV Higher Education Grant	11.0%	30.6%	28.2%	26.0%	4.2%
Federal Pell Grants	7.8%	23.7%	27.1%	36.5%	4.9%
Federal Student Loans	12.7%	33.3%	30.7%	19.2%	4.2%
Federal Work-Study	9.6%	22.6%	28.0%	35.4%	4.3%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	25.9%	37.6%	21.3%	11.0%	4.2%
Requirements for College Acceptance	18.6%	39.6%	23.5%	13.4%	4.9%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	37.6%	30.4%	15.2%	11.9%	4.9%
High School Graduation Requirements	38.7%	32.9%	15.7%	8.3%	4.3%

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

	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	WV PROMISE Scholarship (%)
Up to \$1,000	9.4%	8.3%	7.8%
\$1,001- \$2000	13.2%	11.0%	7.1%
\$2,001-\$3,000	18.8%	15.9%	10.3%
\$3,001-\$4,000	17.5%	22.8%	17.0%
\$4,001-\$5,000	15.0%	14.1%	17.2%
\$5,001-\$6,000	13.0%	12.1%	13.0%
\$6,001-\$7,000	4.7%	7.1%	8.0%
More than\$7,000	5.1%	4.5%	15.4%
No Response	3.3%	4.2%	4.3%

*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	21.9%	34.9%	25.9%	14.8%	2.5%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	16.3%	33.5%	26.0%	21.5%	2.7%
Other college planning websites	15.6%	32.2%	27.1%	21.5%	3.6%
College fairs	17.7%	32.9%	22.2%	24.2%	2.9%
Television	16.1%	35.8%	27.7%	17.4%	3.1%
Radio	13.0%	29.8%	25.3%	28.6%	3.3%
Direct mail	16.6%	29.7%	22.8%	27.8%	3.1%
E-mail	15.9%	31.5%	22.8%	26.9%	2.9%
Brochures and pamphlets	17.0%	35.6%	26.0%	18.4%	2.9%
Magazines/newspapers	13.7%	30.4%	25.9%	27.1%	2.9%
Signs, posters, or billboards	15.0%	34.7%	27.3%	20.1%	2.9%
Text messages	15.9%	30.6%	24.6%	26.0%	2.9%
School counselor	21.7%	37.3%	23.1%	14.6%	3.3%
Family members	28.0%	38.9%	19.5%	10.8%	2.7%
GEAR UP staff	21.9%	36.5%	24.1%	14.5%	3.1%
College admissions representatives	19.7%	30.2%	25.1%	21.7%	3.3%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	19.7%	33.1%	25.5%	18.4%	3.3%

20. Please rate how much you think each of the following statements describes you.

	Very much like me (%)	Mostly like me (%)	Somewhat like me (%)	Not much like me (%)	Not like me at all (%)	No Response (%)
New ideas and projects sometimes distract me from previous ones.	8.7%	14.3%	42.5%	19.3%	12.5%	2.7%
Setbacks don't discourage me.	10.5%	21.0%	33.5%	19.9%	12.1%	3.1%
I have been obsessed with a certain idea or project for a short time, but later lost interest.	8.7%	19.0%	33.5%	21.5%	14.1%	3.3%
I am a hard worker.	28.9%	31.8%	26.0%	4.3%	5.1%	3.8%
I often set a goal but later choose to pursue a different one.	9.4%	17.7%	33.3%	23.9%	12.7%	3.1%
I have difficulty maintaining my focus on projects that take more than a few months to complete.	10.7%	17.0%	32.5%	23.7%	12.7%	3.4%
I finish whatever I begin.	24.4%	28.9%	28.8%	7.6%	6.3%	4.0%
I am diligent.	18.8%	25.7%	35.6%	8.3%	8.1%	3.4%