



School Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Nicholas County High School / 062501	Student Survey	11	130

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	157
Grade 11 Surveys Received	130
School Response Rate (%)*	82.8%

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

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	52.3%
Female	45.4%
Other	2.3%
No Response	0.0%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	93.1%
Black or African American	0.8%
Asian	0.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	3.8%
Other	0.0%
No response	0.0%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	5.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	83.1%
Other	Italian
No Response	11.5%

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

	(%)
English	98.5%
Spanish	0.8%
Other	White
No Response	0.8%



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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	16.2%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	23.8%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	21.5%
\$100,001 or more	7.7%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	
No Response	0.0%

6. Think about the last 30 days and the last 12 months. Is the following statement true for you?

"I didn't eat enough food because my family couldn't afford it."

	Often True (%)	Sometimes True (%)	Never True (%)	No Response (%)
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 12 months?	1.5%	7.7%	90.8%	0.0%
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 30 days?	1.5%	4.6%	90.8%	3.1%

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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	6.9%	12.3%
High school diploma/GED	23.8%	36.2%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	18.5%	12.3%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	10.8%	4.6%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	20.0%	18.5%
Master's degree	10.0%	1.5%
Ph.D. or higher	0.0%	0.0%
Don't know	10.0%	13.1%
No Response	0.0%	1.5%

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

	(%)
0	54.6%
1	27.7%
2	6.9%
3	1.5%
4	0.0%
5 or more	2.3%
I don't have brothers or sisters	6.9%
No Response	0.0%

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	17.7%	56.2%	25.4%	0.8%	0.0%
English/Language Arts	26.2%	58.5%	14.6%	0.8%	0.0%
Science	20.8%	58.5%	17.7%	3.1%	0.0%
Study Skills	14.6%	61.5%	16.9%	6.9%	0.0%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	16.9%	56.2%	16.9%	10.0%	0.0%
Ability to pass college entrance exams in the future (e.g., ACT)	20.0%	50.8%	15.4%	13.8%	0.0%

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

	(%)
Yes	84.6%
No	7.7%
No Response	7.7%

10b. If you answered No, what are your main reasons you do not plan to continue your education?

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	20.8%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	37.7%
I need to work	10.0%
I want to work	13.1%
Family issues	9.2%
I plan to enlist in the military	9.2%
Other: Not interested ; I need to be more educated on financial aid; Don't know math well enough	
Not applicable; I am pretty confident that I will be able to continue my education after high school	40.0%



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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	4.6%	10.8%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	8.5%	10.0%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	10.8%	12.3%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	43.8%	46.9%
More than a 4-year college degree	31.5%	19.2%
No Response	0.8%	0.8%

12. 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.	18.5%	31.5%	25.4%	13.1%	10.8%	0.8%
I can get accepted to a college.	26.9%	35.4%	18.5%	8.5%	10.0%	0.8%
I can have family support for going to college.	50.8%	25.4%	14.6%	2.3%	5.4%	1.5%
I can choose a good college.	31.5%	39.2%	16.9%	6.2%	5.4%	0.8%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	20.0%	25.4%	30.8%	11.5%	11.5%	0.8%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	16.9%	27.7%	32.3%	10.8%	11.5%	0.8%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	39.2%	36.2%	13.8%	4.6%	5.4%	0.8%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	25.4%	40.0%	17.7%	10.0%	6.2%	0.8%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	10.0%	23.1%	28.5%	21.5%	16.2%	0.8%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	24.6%	34.6%	20.8%	10.8%	7.7%	1.5%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	18.5%	39.2%	26.9%	6.2%	6.9%	2.3%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	23.1%	34.6%	25.4%	8.5%	7.7%	0.8%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	16.2%	36.2%	33.1%	5.4%	8.5%	0.8%
I can go to college after high school.	33.8%	29.2%	18.5%	5.4%	12.3%	0.8%



13. 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.	14.6%	26.2%	26.2%	20.0%	11.5%	1.5%
I could get A's and B's in college.	16.9%	29.2%	31.5%	11.5%	10.0%	0.8%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	41.5%	33.1%	14.6%	4.6%	5.4%	0.8%
I could take care of myself in college.	36.2%	34.6%	16.9%	3.8%	7.7%	0.8%
I could fit in at college.	28.5%	36.2%	21.5%	4.6%	8.5%	0.8%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	22.3%	33.8%	23.8%	9.2%	10.0%	0.8%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	31.5%	33.8%	18.5%	5.4%	10.0%	0.8%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	23.8%	40.8%	22.3%	3.8%	7.7%	1.5%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	25.4%	40.0%	22.3%	4.6%	6.9%	0.8%
I could make friends at college.	31.5%	36.9%	20.8%	3.8%	6.2%	0.8%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	32.3%	36.2%	17.7%	5.4%	7.7%	0.8%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	33.1%	36.2%	19.2%	3.8%	6.9%	0.8%
I would like being in college.	26.2%	37.7%	22.3%	3.1%	9.2%	1.5%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	30.0%	36.9%	16.9%	4.6%	10.8%	0.8%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	27.7%	33.8%	22.3%	7.7%	6.9%	1.5%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	23.1%	41.5%	19.2%	6.2%	8.5%	1.5%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement?	69.2%	30.8%	0.0%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	64.6%	33.1%	2.3%

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

	(%)
Yes	63.1%
No	32.3%
No Response	4.6%



16. 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	28.5%	34.6%	31.5%
Probably	36.9%	34.6%	40.0%
Not Sure	23.1%	21.5%	23.8%
Probably Not	6.2%	4.6%	2.3%
Definitely Not	5.4%	4.6%	2.3%
No Response	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

17. 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 \$3,000	5.4%	12.3%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	11.5%	26.9%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	22.3%	19.2%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	16.9%	15.4%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	17.7%	13.1%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	8.5%	6.2%
More than \$25,000	13.8%	2.3%
No response	3.8%	4.6%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.



18. 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)	10.0%	30.0%	35.4%	23.8%	0.8%
College Savings Plan/529	6.9%	23.8%	27.7%	40.8%	0.8%
ACT /SAT	34.6%	34.6%	22.3%	6.9%	1.5%
WV Higher Education Grant	12.3%	25.4%	33.1%	27.7%	1.5%
Federal Pell Grants	10.0%	25.4%	32.3%	31.5%	0.8%
Federal Student Loans	13.8%	30.8%	37.7%	16.9%	0.8%
Federal Work-Study	7.7%	23.1%	31.5%	36.2%	1.5%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	31.5%	35.4%	19.2%	13.1%	0.8%
Requirements for College Acceptance	23.8%	39.2%	23.1%	12.3%	1.5%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	40.8%	29.2%	17.7%	11.5%	0.8%
High School Graduation Requirements	46.2%	30.0%	13.8%	9.2%	0.8%

19. 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	4.6%	3.8%	5.4%
\$1,001- \$2000	8.5%	5.4%	10.8%
\$2,001-\$3,000	16.2%	15.4%	7.7%
\$3,001-\$4,000	14.6%	16.2%	11.5%
\$4,001-\$5,000	18.5%	20.8%	22.3%
\$5,001-\$6,000	18.5%	19.2%	11.5%
\$6,001-\$7,000	9.2%	10.0%	10.8%
More than \$7,000	7.7%	7.7%	18.5%
No Response	2.3%	1.5%	1.5%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

20. Have you participated in SAT or ACT test prep?

	(%)
Yes	40.0%
No	60.0%
No Response	0.0%



20a. If you answered yes to question 20, what types of test prep did you use?

	(%)
Khan Academy	92.3%
Testive	9.6%
Test prep books	44.2%
Other online resources/websites	32.7%
Other	Class in High School ; PSAT ;
No Response	NA

20b. If you answered yes to question 20, how helpful do you think these test prep resources have been for your SAT or ACT prep?

	(%)
Extremely helpful	5.8%
Moderately helpful	59.6%
Slightly helpful	23.1%
Not at all helpful	9.6%
No Response	1.9%

21. 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	19.2%	39.2%	24.6%	14.6%	2.3%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	13.8%	38.5%	28.5%	17.7%	1.5%
Other college planning websites	11.5%	30.8%	34.6%	20.8%	2.3%
College fairs	23.1%	40.0%	23.8%	11.5%	1.5%
Television	10.8%	26.9%	33.8%	26.2%	2.3%
Radio	10.8%	19.2%	33.1%	35.4%	1.5%
Direct mail	12.3%	27.7%	35.4%	23.1%	1.5%
E-mail	12.3%	31.5%	31.5%	21.5%	3.1%
Brochures and pamphlets	14.6%	37.7%	30.0%	16.2%	1.5%
Magazines/newspapers	9.2%	26.2%	27.7%	34.6%	2.3%
Signs, posters, or billboards	9.2%	31.5%	29.2%	28.5%	1.5%
Text messages	10.8%	33.8%	26.9%	26.9%	1.5%
School counselor	21.5%	38.5%	23.1%	15.4%	1.5%
Family members	26.9%	36.9%	27.7%	6.9%	1.5%
GEAR UP staff	23.1%	36.2%	24.6%	14.6%	1.5%
College admissions representatives	22.3%	37.7%	23.1%	15.4%	1.5%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	16.9%	30.0%	30.0%	21.5%	1.5%

