



School Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
All Participating Schools Year 5	Student Survey	11	2085

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	2552
Grade 11 Surveys Received	2085
School Response Rate (%)*	81.7%

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

Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	50.0%
Female	48.3%
Other	1.2%
No Response	0.5%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	89.0%
Black or African American	4.3%
Asian	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
Two or more races	3.9%
Other	Mixed ; Puerto Rican; Hispanic; Spanish; Cuban; Blacksican
No response	1.2%



3. What is your ethnicity?

(%)	
Hispanic or Latino	4.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	76.6%
Other	European ; Idk; AMERICA; Austrian; Norwegian; Philipino; Caucasian; Hindi; White; Italian; Pioneer; Filipino; Native American; Black & White; Col-fundmt , Col nonstrct; American
No Response	19.2%

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

(%)	
English	98.2%
Spanish	0.3%
Other	Norwegian; German; Russian; Filipino/Tagalog; Arabic; American; Thai
No Response	1.5%

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

(%)	
\$30,000 or less	17.6%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	20.3%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	17.1%
\$100,001 or more	8.5%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	36.3%
No Response	0.2%

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?	2.3%	6.9%	88.3%	2.5%
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 30 days?	1.7%	5.5%	87.0%	5.8%



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

	Mother (%)	Father (%)
Some high school	8.0%	11.8%
High school diploma/GED	29.0%	39.6%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	16.5%	13.0%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	9.6%	4.9%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	16.4%	10.1%
Master's degree	7.0%	3.1%
Ph.D. or higher	1.1%	1.3%
Don't know	12.3%	15.9%
No Response	0.2%	0.2%

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

	(%)
0	51.7%
1	27.5%
2	7.5%
3	3.5%
4	0.6%
5 or more	1.9%
I don't have brothers or sisters	7.1%
No Response	0.2%

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	24.0%	45.7%	25.8%	4.2%	0.3%
English/Language Arts	29.0%	55.9%	10.9%	3.7%	0.4%
Science	24.5%	55.0%	15.4%	4.7%	0.5%
Study Skills	21.2%	53.6%	17.9%	5.8%	1.4%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	25.1%	50.1%	13.4%	10.5%	1.0%
Ability to pass college entrance exams in the future (e.g., ACT)	21.8%	49.9%	15.6%	11.1%	1.5%

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

	(%)
Yes	83.9%
No	10.3%
No Response	5.8%



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

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	17.4%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	35.2%
I need to work	14.3%
I want to work	18.1%
Family issues	9.4%
I plan to enlist in the military	8.8%
Other: I don't know what I want to do in life, and don't want to waste time on something I will regret.; wont get a scholarship; wont get a good act score for a nursing program ; I want to enjoy life not waste it ; Don't want to; walking the country; I am afraid I will not make a good grade on the test to get into college; math; I do not know if i could mentally handle it. ; My job doesn't give me enough hours to save money for college. ; I don't care; I want a break but I have to get a job; Not interested ;I need to be more educated on financial aid; Don't know math well enough ; Not sure what I want to do ; Don't want to do anything but work after school. ; I don't like school; take care of my mom.; dont want to; being a firefighter ; Not really quite fond of college, in the future I may try it. As of now it doesn't really excite me too well. College leads to debt in the future. Plus I am musically inclined, therefore i will prosper regardless.; i'm not sure.; tech school; my ability to keep myself at a healthy mental state; i dont want to ; Don't want to go.; If voca works out, i wont need it.; Leaving people behind; BCTC Electrical program ; ; I plan on using my certifications i get in vocational school in welding to make a career; DOING COSMETOLOGY ; me; Low grade on SAT; Don't like school; If I had a child ; mental health; My math teacher doesn't teach in a way I can understand. My teacher last year I worshiped cause I knew everything she would try to teach the class.	
Not applicable; I am pretty confident that I will be able to continue my education after high school	38.7%



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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	8.0%	11.4%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	13.2%	15.2%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	11.5%	15.7%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	35.3%	35.5%
More than a 4-year college degree	31.0%	21.1%
No Response	1.1%	1.1%

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.	18.8%	28.9%	27.1%	11.8%	12.1%	1.3%
I can get accepted to a college.	22.8%	32.4%	24.8%	9.4%	9.1%	1.5%
I can have family support for going to college.	46.1%	25.6%	14.6%	5.6%	6.7%	1.4%
I can choose a good college.	32.7%	33.5%	19.1%	5.6%	7.4%	1.7%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	16.8%	26.1%	28.7%	14.2%	12.8%	1.4%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	17.7%	30.5%	29.6%	10.4%	10.3%	1.5%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	37.3%	32.3%	17.1%	4.8%	6.9%	1.6%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	28.7%	35.0%	21.4%	6.0%	7.1%	1.8%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	11.0%	21.0%	27.2%	24.5%	14.8%	1.5%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	23.8%	31.5%	24.0%	10.8%	8.2%	1.7%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	22.0%	35.3%	26.2%	7.1%	7.8%	1.5%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	25.0%	35.3%	22.0%	6.9%	9.2%	1.7%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	20.9%	32.3%	27.1%	9.0%	9.2%	1.6%
I can go to college after high school.	34.1%	30.6%	18.2%	6.8%	9.0%	1.4%



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.	13.3%	25.2%	26.9%	17.5%	15.9%	1.3%
I could get A's and B's in college.	15.3%	29.6%	30.6%	11.6%	11.3%	1.5%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	40.1%	28.2%	16.2%	5.4%	8.5%	1.6%
I could take care of myself in college.	33.3%	33.7%	18.5%	4.8%	8.1%	1.5%
I could fit in at college.	27.4%	33.0%	21.8%	7.1%	9.1%	1.5%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	22.1%	33.4%	23.9%	9.0%	10.1%	1.5%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	29.5%	34.4%	20.1%	4.7%	9.5%	1.7%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	24.1%	35.0%	22.5%	7.1%	9.7%	1.5%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	24.4%	36.3%	23.1%	5.6%	9.0%	1.6%
I could make friends at college.	31.7%	31.6%	20.6%	5.7%	8.7%	1.8%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	29.9%	35.9%	19.7%	4.8%	8.0%	1.6%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	32.3%	34.4%	18.9%	4.4%	8.6%	1.4%
I would like being in college.	27.6%	31.3%	22.4%	6.8%	10.3%	1.6%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	29.2%	34.4%	19.9%	5.8%	9.2%	1.6%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	25.9%	35.5%	22.6%	5.2%	9.0%	1.8%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	26.2%	36.4%	20.7%	6.0%	8.8%	1.9%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirement?	77.7%	21.2%	1.2%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	75.9%	21.3%	2.8%

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

	(%)
Yes	70.4%
No	24.8%
No Response	4.8%



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	24.7%	34.0%	36.3%
Probably	39.7%	36.8%	35.6%
Not Sure	22.8%	19.1%	19.3%
Probably Not	6.1%	4.3%	3.3%
Definitely Not	5.8%	4.5%	4.4%
No Response	0.9%	1.3%	1.2%

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	4.5%	10.7%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	10.7%	37.2%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	40.4%	20.0%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	15.2%	12.3%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	12.1%	7.9%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	7.0%	3.9%
More than \$25,000	6.7%	3.0%
No response	3.5%	5.0%

*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)	14.4%	38.1%	29.7%	16.2%	1.6%
College Savings Plan/529	7.6%	31.0%	28.7%	30.9%	1.7%
ACT /SAT	33.8%	41.4%	16.6%	6.6%	1.6%
WV Higher Education Grant	13.3%	37.1%	28.3%	19.5%	1.8%
Federal Pell Grants	11.8%	33.1%	29.3%	24.3%	1.6%
Federal Student Loans	15.2%	37.4%	29.7%	16.1%	1.7%
Federal Work-Study	10.2%	32.4%	29.5%	26.0%	1.8%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	26.7%	43.2%	19.8%	8.9%	1.4%
Requirements for College Acceptance	23.4%	41.0%	24.0%	10.1%	1.6%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	36.8%	36.2%	16.8%	8.6%	1.6%
High School Graduation Requirements	40.3%	36.1%	15.2%	6.4%	2.0%

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	5.1%	3.8%	4.2%
\$1,001- \$2000	5.2%	4.8%	4.7%
\$2,001-\$3,000	11.4%	30.1%	9.8%
\$3,001-\$4,000	15.5%	16.8%	13.8%
\$4,001-\$5,000	16.7%	17.3%	36.9%
\$5,001-\$6,000	13.4%	13.1%	11.1%
\$6,001-\$7,000	24.9%	6.8%	7.7%
More than \$7,000	6.0%	5.8%	10.0%
No Response	1.7%	1.6%	2.0%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

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

	(%)
Yes	61.7%
No	38.1%
No Response	0.2%



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

	(%)
Khan Academy	63.3%
Testive	38.6%
Test prep books	37.4%
Other online resources/websites	29.4%
Other	Vocational; teacher; Act prep class; ACT test prep at honors academy; Oact prep class; class; none; used actual tests from past years; Practice problems; Class activities; teacher program; Classroom Practice Tests; teachers; ZAP bootcamp; test prep class; classes for SAT; ACT seminar; Boot Camp Sessions; Teacher; "Workshop"; SAT Prep seminar.; Zapp; Practice tests; Prep Factory; big ideas math; PSAT; activites in the class room; Test prep class ; Practice tests in class; prepfactory; Test prep class; never had stuff to get one until now; prepfactory; Class; study island; Class in High School; private tutoring paid for by the "In Honor of Our Grandmother" fund; Practice test; A club based on preparation for ACT/SAT; A fake SAT test to help prepare.; PSAT; Aleks; classroom prep; ACT tutoring; after school tutoring; teachers; Tutoring with teachers;
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	21.1%
Moderately helpful	42.5%
Slightly helpful	26.7%
Not at all helpful	7.8%
No Response	2.0%

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	22.4%	40.0%	23.4%	11.7%	2.5%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	18.9%	39.1%	25.9%	13.6%	2.5%
Other college planning websites	14.5%	39.3%	26.1%	16.9%	3.2%
College fairs	20.0%	40.2%	23.4%	13.7%	2.7%
Television	12.1%	34.4%	29.4%	21.1%	3.0%
Radio	10.4%	29.7%	27.5%	29.5%	2.9%
Direct mail	15.6%	34.4%	25.9%	21.1%	3.0%
E-mail	16.5%	37.2%	24.4%	19.1%	2.9%
Brochures and pamphlets	15.7%	40.0%	25.2%	16.2%	2.9%
Magazines/newspapers	10.6%	31.8%	27.5%	27.2%	2.7%
Signs, posters, or billboards	11.6%	34.9%	28.1%	22.4%	3.0%
Text messages	15.1%	34.7%	24.1%	23.3%	2.8%
School counselor	24.8%	37.6%	21.2%	13.7%	2.8%
Family members	24.1%	39.5%	22.8%	10.9%	2.7%
GEAR UP staff	25.4%	39.8%	20.4%	11.8%	2.6%
College admissions representatives	21.5%	39.0%	22.1%	14.7%	2.7%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	18.2%	36.6%	24.7%	17.9%	2.6%