



School Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Participating Schools - Year 6 / All	Student Survey	12	1908

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### School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	2455
Grade 12 Surveys Received	1908
<b>School Response Rate (%)*</b>	<b>77.7%</b>

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

### Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

#### 1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	51.3%
Female	47.3%
Other	0.9%
No Response	0.5%

#### 2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	90.9%
Black or African American	4.3%
Asian	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
Two or more races	2.8%
Other	0.0%
No response	1.0%

#### 3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	3.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	80.9%
Other	0.0%
No Response	15.8%

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

	(%)
English	98.0%
Spanish	0.3%
Other	0.0%
No Response	1.7%



5. How much money do you think your family made (before taxes) during the past 12 months?

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	21.9%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	23.0%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	16.0%
\$100,001 or more	7.6%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	31.0%
No Response	0.6%

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?	2.5%	7.8%	87.3%	2.4%
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 30 days?	1.8%	6.4%	87.2%	4.6%

7. During the past 12 months...

	Never (%)	Rarely (%)	Sometimes (%)	Most of the time (%)	Always (%)	No Response (%)
how often have you had a hard time staying focused on your homework or other things you had to do?	19.8%	20.9%	34.7%	15.3%	8.5%	0.8%
how often have you been so worried about something that you could not sleep at night?	30.0%	24.7%	27.9%	11.5%	4.8%	1.0%

8. What is the highest level of education obtained by your parent(s)/guardian(s)?

	Father (%)
Some high school	6.9%
High school diploma/GED	30.5%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	15.4%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	9.2%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	17.8%
Master's degree	7.4%
Ph.D. or higher	1.1%
Don't know	10.5%
No Response	1.2%



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

	(%)
0	51.6%
1	26.6%
2	9.0%
3	2.3%
4	0.6%
5 or more	1.6%
I don't have brothers or sisters	6.8%
No Response	1.5%

10. 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	24.3%	46.6%	23.8%	3.6%	1.7%
English/Language Arts	30.2%	55.0%	9.5%	3.4%	1.8%
Science	24.2%	55.0%	13.9%	4.4%	2.5%
Study Skills	19.4%	54.5%	17.9%	5.2%	3.0%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	24.4%	51.8%	12.4%	9.2%	2.3%
Ability to do well on college entrance exams (e.g., SAT, ACT)	17.9%	50.9%	19.5%	8.8%	2.3%

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

	(%)
Yes	83.0%
No	11.6%
No Response	5.4%

11a. What, if anything, may prevent you from continuing your education after high school?

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	15.3%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	31.9%
I need to work	15.5%
I want to work	17.8%
Family issues	6.3%
I plan to enlist in the military	6.9%
I won't receive/be eligible for enough financial aid	13.3%
Not applicable; I am pretty confident that I will be able to continue my education after high school	39.6%
Other (please write in reason): I'm having a child	



anxiety  
transportation  
I might just travel around  
I don't want to  
I'm going to be a pipe liner and lay pipe  
dont know where to go  
Mental health issues  
way to hard for me im not gonna go its pointless really i can get a job that pays as good an no go through  
the frustration of college  
I just don't know.  
Child  
i have my career already lined out and i dont need to continue school  
dont preform on test  
i rarely put any effort into school work  
its bullshit  
stress  
I don't like being hungry  
Pregnant  
won't get accepted  
My grandmother is trying to force me to go to a college  
i don't want to  
Test scores aren't good enough  
SAT  
i wanna sell that smack g  
police academy  
Attendance  
I am going to a trade school  
injured or terribly sick  
I have certain anxieties about being around a large group of people, or being in a brand new environment.  
Don't want to  
I can't get my driver's license

\*Total may exceed 100% because respondents were able to select multiple items.

## 12. What is the highest level of education that you...

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	8.8%	10.9%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	14.2%	16.0%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	12.2%	17.0%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	38.6%	36.8%
More than a 4-year college degree	24.4%	17.2%



No Response	21.9%	3.1%
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**13. 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.	18.7%	26.9%	28.6%	10.8%	12.2%	2.8%
I can get accepted to a college.	32.9%	27.2%	20.8%	7.8%	8.3%	3.0%
I can have family support for going to college.	41.2%	25.7%	16.3%	6.1%	7.6%	3.0%
I can choose a good college.	34.0%	33.3%	18.1%	4.6%	6.9%	3.2%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	18.7%	26.2%	28.1%	13.0%	10.8%	3.1%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	19.2%	31.1%	28.8%	8.2%	9.5%	3.1%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	36.0%	30.9%	18.1%	4.9%	7.2%	2.9%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	29.7%	33.2%	21.7%	4.7%	7.7%	3.1%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	13.4%	21.0%	25.3%	23.6%	13.6%	3.1%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	25.1%	31.8%	24.3%	8.5%	7.5%	2.8%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	24.8%	35.0%	24.0%	6.1%	7.2%	2.9%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	27.7%	32.9%	22.9%	5.2%	8.1%	3.1%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	25.2%	31.3%	24.6%	6.9%	8.9%	3.2%
I can go to college after high school.	34.7%	28.2%	19.4%	6.0%	8.4%	3.2%

**14. If you do go to college after high school, 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.	19.8%	27.2%	24.8%	14.7%	10.3%	3.2%
I could get A's and B's in college.	21.3%	32.9%	26.1%	7.8%	8.8%	3.1%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	39.2%	30.0%	15.9%	4.4%	7.1%	3.5%
I could take care of myself in college.	35.7%	34.4%	17.7%	3.2%	6.0%	2.9%
I could fit in at college.	29.3%	34.8%	19.3%	6.3%	7.4%	2.8%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	24.9%	35.0%	21.7%	7.1%	7.9%	3.4%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	31.7%	34.7%	19.0%	4.1%	7.4%	3.0%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	26.6%	34.1%	21.8%	5.9%	8.5%	3.1%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	27.5%	37.0%	21.0%	4.0%	7.4%	3.0%
I could make friends at college.	33.0%	33.9%	18.1%	5.0%	7.0%	3.0%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	31.8%	36.7%	17.5%	4.1%	6.9%	3.0%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	32.5%	34.7%	19.0%	4.4%	6.5%	2.8%
I would like being in college.	28.0%	33.1%	21.0%	6.2%	8.7%	3.0%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	30.0%	35.7%	19.1%	4.6%	7.7%	2.9%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	27.9%	36.1%	20.4%	5.2%	7.0%	3.4%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	27.1%	36.6%	21.0%	4.6%	7.4%	3.3%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirements?	84.5%	13.4%	2.0%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	85.2%	11.0%	3.8%



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

	(%)
Yes	80.2%
No	13.9%
No Response	5.9%

17. 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 2-year community/ technical college (%)	A public career/ technical center (%)
Definitely	25.6%	37.7%	42.0%
Probably	37.8%	34.7%	33.1%
Not Sure	22.3%	17.2%	14.8%
Probably Not	6.1%	3.5%	3.5%
Definitely Not	5.9%	4.3%	3.7%
No Response	2.3%	2.6%	3.0%

18. 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	3.9%	11.3%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	8.1%	41.7%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	41.5%	18.9%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	17.7%	12.2%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	12.9%	6.0%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	6.7%	2.6%
More than \$25,000	5.7%	1.4%
No response	3.5%	5.9%

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.



19. How aware are you about the following topics?

	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	40.8%	39.0%	12.0%	4.9%	9.4%
ACT /SAT	48.6%	34.6%	9.5%	3.8%	0.0%
WV Higher Education Grant	25.7%	39.3%	21.7%	9.7%	12.5%
WV Invests Grant	24.9%	37.7%	22.0%	11.9%	15.6%
Federal Pell Grants	25.8%	37.3%	22.8%	10.8%	18.8%
Federal Student Loans	28.7%	39.5%	20.8%	7.5%	18.8%
Federal Work-Study	24.5%	35.5%	23.4%	13.1%	6.3%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	40.5%	38.2%	13.3%	4.7%	6.3%
Requirements for College Acceptance	39.5%	38.1%	13.3%	5.7%	12.5%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	47.5%	33.3%	10.6%	4.8%	12.5%
High School Graduation Requirements	51.6%	30.7%	9.5%	4.0%	37.5%

20. 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	4.3%	3.5%	3.8%
\$1,001- \$2000	5.4%	4.9%	4.4%
\$2,001-\$3,000	10.5%	30.6%	8.7%
\$3,001-\$4,000	15.3%	19.2%	14.5%
\$4,001-\$5,000	16.8%	16.6%	39.1%
\$5,001-\$6,000	13.7%	10.5%	10.1%
\$6,001-\$7,000	24.9%	6.1%	7.3%
More than \$7,000	6.3%	5.8%	9.0%
No Response	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%

\*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

21. How much would tuition cost at a 2-year public community/technical college in West Virginia if you qualify for a WV Invests Grant?

	(%)
\$0	25.5%
\$1 - \$2,000	12.8%
\$2,001 - \$4,000	41.4%
More than \$4,000	17.7%
No Response	2.6%





**22. How important have the following resources, individuals, or tools been in gathering information about your options for college?**

	<b>Extremely (%)</b>	<b>Moderately (%)</b>	<b>Slightly (%)</b>	<b>Not at All (%)</b>	<b>No Response (%)</b>
College or university websites	33.6%	42.8%	14.3%	6.0%	3.4%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	27.6%	42.9%	17.8%	8.1%	3.7%
Other college planning websites	21.3%	45.1%	18.9%	11.0%	3.8%
College fairs	30.5%	43.1%	15.8%	6.8%	3.6%
Television	15.6%	37.2%	24.1%	19.7%	3.8%
Radio	14.7%	34.4%	22.0%	25.4%	3.6%
Direct mail	26.9%	41.1%	17.5%	11.0%	3.5%
E-mail	29.5%	43.5%	14.8%	8.3%	3.6%
Brochures and pamphlets	21.6%	44.8%	19.2%	10.8%	3.7%
Magazines/newspapers	15.0%	36.6%	21.9%	23.0%	3.4%
Signs, posters, or billboards	16.4%	38.6%	22.7%	18.7%	3.5%
Text messages	23.6%	40.3%	19.1%	13.3%	3.6%
School counselor	34.2%	39.7%	14.8%	7.9%	3.5%
Family members	30.1%	41.0%	17.5%	7.9%	3.9%
GEAR UP staff	30.4%	41.5%	16.9%	7.6%	9.3%
College admissions representatives	30.9%	42.7%	15.9%	7.1%	3.5%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	23.5%	41.1%	18.5%	13.0%	3.9%

**23. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be completed as early as October 1, 2019. Have you completed your FAFSA yet?**

	<b>(%)</b>
No, and I do not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	11.5%
No, but I plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	41.3%
Yes.	47.2%
No Response	0.0%

**24. If you answered "No, and I do not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year," what are the main reasons you do not plan to do so? Select all that apply.**

	<b>(%)</b>
I do not plan to continue my education after high school	59.4%
I'm not sure what the FAFSA is	16.0%
I do not believe I will be eligible for financial aid	22.8%
Other	0.0%
No Response	1.8%

\*Total may exceed 100% because respondents were able to select multiple items.



25. Have you participated in SAT or ACT test prep this school year (2019-20)?

	(%)
Yes	57.3%
No	42.7%
No Response	0.0%

25b. If you answered yes to question 25, how helpful do you think these test prep resources have been for your SAT or ACT prep?

	Did not participate (%)	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
Khan Academy	22.5%	13.6%	27.5%	22.8%	9.7%	3.9%
Testive	31.9%	13.2%	21.8%	19.7%	8.9%	4.6%
Other online resources/websites	26.7%	12.3%	23.4%	21.8%	8.2%	7.6%
Other (see below for responses)	37.1%	9.3%	15.4%	13.1%	6.9%	18.2%

If you selected "Other" please write in type

Other: Vocabulary.com; Flashcards; ACT tutoring; Teacher's that care about your future.; 5-week intensive course outside of school.; Study sessions; ACT prep class; SAT/ACT book; SAT field practice; Study Apps; Imagin math; Materials provided by the school; SAT Practice book; ACT Practice book; ACT Online Prep; Blackboard; Mr. Haynes SAT prep bellringer; Problems the teachers gave us to work on; ACT coach; Aleks; SAT Prep classes; SAT Boot Camp; Mrs. Burns; Gear up; You Tube; Aleks; books' Teachers; teachers and school all together; Family; practice SAT test; Practice SATs through school; ACT Prep on YouTube; the study book; teachers; paper testing; My math teacher giving an ACT; ACT practice test booklet

26. How many times have you taken the SAT and ACT tests?

	SAT (%)	ACT (%)
0	5.3%	52.9%
1	77.7%	24.2%
2	11.5%	7.4%
More than 2	3.1%	6.2%
No response	2.3%	9.3%



**27. Do you plan to take/retake the SAT this year (2019–20)?**

	(%)
Yes	33.6%
No	63.8%
No Response	2.6%

**28. Do you plan to take/retake the ACT this year (2019–20)?**

	(%)
Yes	51.4%
No	45.7%
No Response	2.9%

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

	(%)
0, and I do not plan to complete any this academic year.	12.7%
0, but I plan to complete one or more this academic year.	23.0%
1	18.0%
2 or more	44.4%
No Response	1.9%