



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

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	2455
Grade 12 Surveys Received	1908
School Response Rate (%)*	77.7%

*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?

	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
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?

	(%)
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.

	(%)
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%