



School Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Bluefield High School / 051502	Student Survey	12	126

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### School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	133
Grade 12 Surveys Received	126
<b>School Response Rate (%)*</b>	<b>94.7%</b>

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

### Results (Percentages) by Survey Question

#### 1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	51.6%
Female	47.6%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.8%

#### 2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	65.1%
Black or African American	25.4%
Asian	0.8%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	6.3%
Other	0.0%
No response	2.4%

#### 3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	2.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	74.6%
Other	0.0%
No Response	23.0%

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

	(%)
English	96.0%
Spanish	0.8%
Other	0.0%
No Response	3.2%



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

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	34.9%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	26.2%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	10.3%
\$100,001 or more	3.2%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	22.2%
No Response	3.2%

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?	4.8%	12.7%	75.4%	7.1%
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 30 days?	3.2%	7.1%	81.0%	8.7%

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?	23.0%	12.7%	35.7%	15.1%	6.3%	7.9%
how often have you been so worried about something that you could not sleep at night?	31.7%	18.3%	32.5%	6.3%	4.0%	11.9%

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

	Father (%)
Some high school	7.9%
High school diploma/GED	31.0%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	11.9%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	11.9%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	19.8%
Master's degree	4.0%
Ph.D. or higher	0.0%
Don't know	5.6%
No Response	7.9%



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

	(%)
0	40.5%
1	31.7%
2	8.7%
3	1.6%
4	0.0%
5 or more	1.6%
I don't have brothers or sisters	4.0%
No Response	11.9%

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	27.8%	36.5%	13.5%	4.8%	17.5%
English/Language Arts	25.4%	50.0%	4.8%	2.4%	17.5%
Science	22.2%	39.7%	15.9%	3.2%	19.0%
Study Skills	19.0%	48.4%	9.5%	4.0%	19.0%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	26.2%	44.4%	4.0%	7.9%	17.5%
Ability to do well on college entrance exams (e.g., SAT, ACT)	15.1%	49.2%	7.9%	8.7%	17.5%

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

	(%)
Yes	81.0%
No	5.6%
No Response	13.5%

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

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	11.1%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	29.4%
I need to work	17.5%
I want to work	13.5%
Family issues	9.5%
I plan to enlist in the military	10.3%
I won't receive/be eligible for enough financial aid	9.5%
Not applicable; I am pretty confident that I will be able to continue my education after high school	40.5%
Other (please write in reason): Anxiety; injured or terribly sick	



\*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	3.2%	4.8%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	12.7%	13.5%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	6.3%	12.7%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	48.4%	45.2%
More than a 4-year college degree	17.5%	11.9%
No Response	11.9%	11.9%

**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.	19.0%	20.6%	22.2%	7.9%	5.6%	24.6%
I can get accepted to a college.	27.0%	24.6%	15.9%	4.0%	3.2%	25.4%
I can have family support for going to college.	37.3%	23.8%	9.5%	2.4%	2.4%	24.6%
I can choose a good college.	20.6%	38.9%	11.1%	2.4%	1.6%	25.4%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	16.7%	27.8%	19.8%	6.3%	4.8%	24.6%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	12.7%	31.7%	24.6%	2.4%	4.0%	24.6%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	33.3%	28.6%	7.9%	0.8%	4.8%	24.6%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	24.6%	32.5%	14.3%	1.6%	2.4%	24.6%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	15.1%	19.0%	15.9%	20.6%	4.0%	25.4%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	21.4%	34.1%	15.9%	3.2%	0.8%	24.6%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	19.0%	34.9%	19.0%	1.6%	0.8%	24.6%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	22.2%	33.3%	15.1%	0.8%	3.2%	25.4%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	17.5%	32.5%	17.5%	4.8%	3.2%	24.6%
I can go to college after high school.	30.2%	23.0%	15.9%	2.4%	4.0%	24.6%



**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.	18.3%	20.6%	18.3%	12.7%	5.6%	24.6%
I could get A's and B's in college.	18.3%	25.4%	21.4%	4.8%	5.6%	24.6%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	42.1%	21.4%	7.9%	0.8%	2.4%	25.4%
I could take care of myself in college.	33.3%	31.0%	9.5%	0.8%	0.8%	24.6%
I could fit in at college.	27.0%	31.7%	12.7%	1.6%	2.4%	24.6%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	26.2%	32.5%	11.9%	1.6%	2.4%	25.4%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	32.5%	28.6%	11.1%	1.6%	1.6%	24.6%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	23.0%	29.4%	15.9%	4.0%	3.2%	24.6%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	27.0%	27.8%	18.3%	0.0%	2.4%	24.6%
I could make friends at college.	36.5%	23.8%	10.3%	1.6%	3.2%	24.6%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	31.7%	28.6%	11.9%	0.8%	2.4%	24.6%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	34.9%	23.8%	11.1%	2.4%	3.2%	24.6%
I would like being in college.	25.4%	27.0%	15.9%	1.6%	4.8%	25.4%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	32.5%	30.2%	7.1%	2.4%	3.2%	24.6%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	25.4%	31.0%	12.7%	2.4%	2.4%	26.2%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	25.4%	28.6%	16.7%	0.8%	2.4%	26.2%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College Entrance Requirements?	73.8%	14.3%	11.9%
Availability of Financial Aid to help pay for college?	75.4%	11.9%	12.7%



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

	(%)
Yes	80.2%
No	5.6%
No Response	14.3%

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	31.0%	36.5%	39.7%
Probably	34.1%	31.0%	28.6%
Not Sure	13.5%	13.5%	11.9%
Probably Not	4.0%	3.2%	1.6%
Definitely Not	3.2%	0.8%	2.4%
No Response	14.3%	15.1%	15.9%

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	2.4%	8.7%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	7.9%	33.3%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	31.7%	16.7%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	15.1%	7.9%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	10.3%	7.9%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	7.9%	3.2%
More than \$25,000	6.3%	1.6%
No response	18.3%	20.6%

\*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)	32.5%	31.7%	7.1%	3.2%	25.4%
ACT /SAT	44.4%	21.4%	7.1%	0.8%	26.2%
WV Higher Education Grant	15.9%	35.7%	18.3%	4.8%	25.4%
WV Invests Grant	13.5%	36.5%	17.5%	7.1%	25.4%
Federal Pell Grants	19.0%	28.6%	19.8%	7.1%	25.4%
Federal Student Loans	22.2%	34.1%	14.3%	4.0%	25.4%
Federal Work-Study	15.9%	31.0%	16.7%	9.5%	27.0%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	36.5%	27.0%	7.9%	1.6%	27.0%
Requirements for College Acceptance	33.3%	28.6%	9.5%	2.4%	26.2%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	38.1%	23.8%	9.5%	1.6%	27.0%
High School Graduation Requirements	45.2%	19.8%	6.3%	1.6%	27.0%

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	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%
\$1,001- \$2000	4.8%	1.6%	2.4%
\$2,001-\$3,000	5.6%	19.8%	4.8%
\$3,001-\$4,000	14.3%	15.9%	14.3%
\$4,001-\$5,000	15.9%	14.3%	30.2%
\$5,001-\$6,000	12.7%	14.3%	11.1%
\$6,001-\$7,000	19.0%	7.1%	6.3%
More than \$7,000	9.5%	8.7%	11.9%
No Response	17.5%	17.5%	19.0%

\*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	16.7%
\$1 - \$2,000	10.3%
\$2,001 - \$4,000	42.9%
More than \$4,000	12.7%
No Response	17.5%



**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	31.0%	30.2%	11.1%	0.8%	27.0%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	20.6%	31.7%	13.5%	6.3%	27.8%
Other college planning websites	17.5%	34.9%	15.1%	5.6%	27.0%
College fairs	31.0%	30.2%	11.1%	0.8%	27.0%
Television	14.3%	31.7%	21.4%	5.6%	27.0%
Radio	15.1%	23.0%	23.8%	11.1%	27.0%
Direct mail	22.2%	34.1%	13.5%	2.4%	27.8%
E-mail	27.8%	32.5%	11.9%	0.8%	27.0%
Brochures and pamphlets	19.0%	34.9%	15.1%	4.0%	27.0%
Magazines/newspapers	14.3%	27.0%	20.6%	11.1%	27.0%
Signs, posters, or billboards	18.3%	24.6%	21.4%	8.7%	27.0%
Text messages	27.0%	27.0%	13.5%	5.6%	27.0%
School counselor	36.5%	26.2%	8.7%	1.6%	27.0%
Family members	29.4%	24.6%	17.5%	1.6%	27.0%
GEAR UP staff	28.6%	26.2%	14.3%	4.0%	27.0%
College admissions representatives	32.5%	27.8%	9.5%	3.2%	27.0%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	22.2%	27.8%	16.7%	4.8%	28.6%

**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.	12.7%
No, but I plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	52.4%
Yes.	34.9%
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	50.0%
I'm not sure what the FAFSA is	12.5%
I do not believe I will be eligible for financial aid	31.3%
Other	0.0%
No Response	6.3%

\*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	72.2%
No	27.8%
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	16.5%	26.4%	27.5%	17.6%	3.3%	8.8%
Testive	9.9%	28.6%	39.6%	9.9%	2.2%	9.9%
Other online resources/websites	17.6%	5.5%	19.8%	17.6%	3.3%	36.3%
Other (see below for responses)	22.0%	7.7%	14.3%	8.8%	2.2%	45.1%

If you selected "Other" please write in type

Other: 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	1.6%	38.9%
1	63.5%	30.2%
2	14.3%	7.9%
More than 2	7.1%	5.6%
No response	13.5%	17.5%



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

	(%)
Yes	51.6%
No	34.9%
No Response	13.5%

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

	(%)
Yes	59.5%
No	26.2%
No Response	14.3%

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

	(%)
0, and I do not plan to complete any this academic year.	4.0%
0, but I plan to complete one or more this academic year.	22.2%
1	16.7%
2 or more	42.9%
No Response	14.3%