



School Name/Code	Survey Type	Grade Level	Number of Respondents (N)
Westside High School / 098508	Student Survey	12	47

School Level Response Rates:

Surveys Administered	154
Grade 12 Surveys Received	47
School Response Rate (%)*	30.5%

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

Results (Percentages) by Survey Questionⁱ

1. What is your gender?

	(%)
Male	23.4%
Female	76.6%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

2. What is your race?

	(%)
White	100.0%
Black or African American	0.0%
Asian	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.0%
Other	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

3. What is your ethnicity?

	(%)
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	85.1%
Other	0.0%
No Response	14.9%

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

	(%)
English	100.0%
Spanish	0.0%
Other	0.0%



No Response	0.0%
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5. How much money do you think your family made (before taxes) during the past 12 months? As you think about it, please include any money you earned from working and all the money you think the people living in your house made.

	(%)
\$30,000 or less	17.0%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	31.9%
\$60,001 - \$100,000	23.4%
\$100,001 or more	6.4%
Don't know or I'd rather not say	21.3%
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?	0.0%	10.6%	89.4%	0.0%
Was that often, sometimes, or never true in the last 30 days?	0.0%	6.4%	91.5%	2.1%

7. During the past 12 months, how often have you had a hard time staying focused on your homework or other things you had to do?

	Never (%)	Rarely (%)	Sometimes (%)	Most of the Time (%)	Always (%)	No Response (%)
How often have you had a hard time staying focused on your homework?	27.7%	23.4%	19.1%	21.3%	6.4%	2.1%
How often have you been so worried about something that you could not sleep at night?	44.7%	14.9%	25.5%	8.5%	6.4%	0.0%

8. What is the highest level of education achieved by your parent(s)/guardian(s)? (Please answer this question for the parent/guardian who achieved the highest level of education. For example, if your mother has a 4-year college degree and your father has a high school diploma, select 4-year college degree.)

	Parent Education (%)
Some high school	2.1%
High school diploma/GED	31.9%



Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	25.5%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	12.8%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	10.6%
Master's degree	17.0%
Ph.D. or higher	0.0%
Don't know	0.0%
No Response	0.0%

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

	(%)
0	48.9%
1	40.4%
2	6.4%
3	0.0%
4	2.1%
5 or more	0.0%
I don't have brothers or sisters	2.1%
No Response	0.0%

10. How are you currently attending school?

	(%)
In-person everyday	2.1%
Virtually everyday	17.0%
Both in-person and virtually	78.7%
No Response	2.1%

11. 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	23.4%	46.8%	29.8%	0.0%	0.0%
English/Language Arts	29.8%	59.6%	10.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Science	14.9%	61.7%	17.0%	4.3%	2.1%
Study skills	25.5%	61.7%	8.5%	4.3%	0.0%
Ability to do well in college level courses in the future	17.0%	63.8%	10.6%	6.4%	2.1%
Ability to succeed in online courses at college	14.9%	68.1%	6.4%	6.4%	4.3%
Ability to do well on college entrance exams (e.g., SAT, ACT)	8.5%	61.7%	17.0%	12.8%	0.0%



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

	(%)
Yes	95.7%
No	2.1%
No Response	2.1%

12a. What, if anything, may prevent you from continuing your education after high school? Select all that apply.

	(%)
My grades aren't good enough	6.4%
It costs too much/I can't afford it	27.7%
I need to work	10.6%
I want to work	21.3%
Family issues	2.1%
I plan to enlist in the military	4.3%
I won't receive/be eligible for enough financial aid	14.9%
Concerns about COVID-19	0.0%
Other (please write in reason):	Having a job and taking care of a 4 year old would be very hard;
Not applicable; I am pretty confident that I will be able to continue my education after high school	40.4%

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

	Would like to get? (%)	Expect to get? (%)
High school or less	0.0%	2.1%
Some college (less than a 2- or 4-year degree, e.g., certificate or career/tech. cert.)	17.0%	12.8%
2-year college degree (Associate's)	14.9%	23.4%
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	42.6%	46.8%
More than a 4-year college degree	25.5%	14.9%
No Response	0.0%	0.0%

14. 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.	36.2%	31.9%	17.0%	10.6%	4.3%	0.0%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I can get accepted to a college.	57.4%	29.8%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	0.0%
I can have family support for going to college.	72.3%	14.9%	8.5%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%
I can choose a good college.	68.1%	17.0%	8.5%	6.4%	0.0%	0.0%
I can get a scholarship or grant for college.	34.0%	27.7%	23.4%	12.8%	2.1%	0.0%
I can make an educational plan that will prepare me for college.	55.3%	25.5%	12.8%	4.3%	2.1%	0.0%
I can make my family proud with my choices after high school.	63.8%	23.4%	10.6%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
I can choose college courses that best fit my interests.	59.6%	27.7%	6.4%	6.4%	0.0%	0.0%
I can pay for college even if my family cannot help me.	25.5%	21.3%	14.9%	34.0%	4.3%	0.0%
I can get good grades in my high school math classes.	42.6%	34.0%	14.9%	8.5%	0.0%	0.0%
I can get good grades in my high school science classes.	44.7%	29.8%	21.3%	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%
I can choose the high school classes needed to get into a good college.	48.9%	29.8%	17.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%
I know enough about computers to get into college.	51.1%	25.5%	14.9%	6.4%	2.1%	0.0%
I can go to college after high school.	61.7%	23.4%	8.5%	4.3%	2.1%	0.0%

15. 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.	53.2%	34.0%	10.6%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
I could get A's and B's in college.	46.8%	34.0%	12.8%	6.4%	0.0%	0.0%
I could get my family to support my wish of finishing college.	40.4%	44.7%	10.6%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%
I could take care of myself in college.	48.9%	40.4%	8.5%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
I could fit in at college.	42.6%	38.3%	14.9%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%
I could get good enough grades to get or keep a scholarship.	53.2%	36.2%	8.5%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
I could finish college and receive a college degree.	57.4%	36.2%	4.3%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
I could care for my family responsibilities while in college.	51.1%	40.4%	6.4%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
I could set my own schedule while in college.	48.9%	40.4%	8.5%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%



	Very Sure (%)	Sure (%)	Somewhat Sure (%)	Not at all Sure (%)	Don't Know (%)	No Response (%)
I could make friends at college.	51.1%	34.0%	4.3%	8.5%	2.1%	0.0%
I could get the education I need for my choice of career.	46.8%	38.3%	4.3%	8.5%	0.0%	2.1%
I could get a job after I graduate from college.	44.7%	40.4%	6.4%	6.4%	2.1%	0.0%
I would like being in college.	44.7%	40.4%	6.4%	6.4%	2.1%	0.0%
I could be smart enough to finish college.	29.8%	34.0%	14.9%	12.8%	8.5%	0.0%
I could pick the right things to study at college.	38.3%	34.0%	12.8%	10.6%	4.3%	0.0%
I could do the classwork and homework assignments in college classes.	57.4%	34.0%	6.4%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%

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

	Yes (%)	No (%)	No Response (%)
College entrance requirements?	76.6%	23.4%	0.0%
The availability of financial aid to help you pay for college?	72.3%	25.5%	2.1%

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

	(%)
Yes	66.0%
No	29.8%
No Response	4.3%

18. 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	36.2%	48.9%	48.9%
Probably	34.0%	40.4%	44.7%
Not Sure	17.0%	8.5%	2.1%
Probably Not	4.3%	0.0%	2.1%
Definitely Not	8.5%	0.0%	0.0%
No Response	0.0%	2.1%	2.1%



19. 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 Public University or College (%)	2-year Public Community or Technical College (%)
Up to \$3,000	4.3%	17.0%
\$3,001 - \$6,000	12.8%	38.3%
\$6,001 - \$10,000	29.8%	21.3%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	25.5%	6.4%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	6.4%	14.9%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	12.8%	0.0%
More than \$25,000	8.5%	0.0%
No response	0.0%	2.1%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

20. 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)	40.4%	31.9%	23.4%	4.3%	0.0%
ACT /SAT	57.4%	25.5%	14.9%	2.1%	0.0%
WV Higher Education Grant	23.4%	19.1%	27.7%	29.8%	0.0%
WV Invests Grant	19.1%	17.0%	34.0%	29.8%	0.0%
Federal Pell Grants	21.3%	17.0%	34.0%	27.7%	0.0%
Federal Student Loans	25.5%	23.4%	36.2%	14.9%	0.0%
Federal Work-Study	21.3%	14.9%	36.2%	27.7%	0.0%
Scholarships (e.g., PROMISE or Institutional)	38.3%	42.6%	14.9%	4.3%	0.0%
Requirements for College Acceptance	53.2%	23.4%	12.8%	10.6%	0.0%
The Importance/ Benefit of a College Education	61.7%	19.1%	10.6%	6.4%	2.1%
High School Graduation Requirements	70.2%	17.0%	8.5%	4.3%	0.0%

21. 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	12.8%	17.0%	8.5%
\$1,001- \$2000	10.6%	6.4%	6.4%



	Federal Pell Grant (%)	WV Higher Education Grant (%)	WV PROMISE Scholarship (%)
\$2,001-\$3,000	23.4%	29.8%	6.4%
\$3,001-\$4,000	6.4%	10.6%	27.7%
\$4,001-\$5,000	17.0%	14.9%	25.5%
\$5,001-\$6,000	12.8%	17.0%	10.6%
\$6,001-\$7,000	14.9%	2.1%	6.4%
More than \$7,000	0.0%	2.1%	6.4%
No Response	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%

*The correct amounts are highlighted in green.

22. 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	19.1%
\$1 - \$2,000	34.0%
\$2,001 - \$4,000	40.4%
More than \$4,000	6.4%
No Response	0.0%

23. 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	55.3%	25.5%	12.8%	6.4%	0.0%
College Foundation of WV website (CFWV.com)	42.6%	27.7%	19.1%	10.6%	0.0%
Other college planning websites	34.0%	31.9%	21.3%	12.8%	0.0%
College fairs (in-person or virtual)	36.2%	34.0%	17.0%	10.6%	2.1%
Television	12.8%	19.1%	38.3%	29.8%	0.0%
Radio	12.8%	14.9%	27.7%	44.7%	0.0%
Direct mail	42.6%	29.8%	14.9%	12.8%	0.0%
E-mail	40.4%	31.9%	17.0%	8.5%	2.1%
Brochures and pamphlets	36.2%	36.2%	14.9%	12.8%	0.0%
Magazines/newspapers	14.9%	17.0%	25.5%	38.3%	4.3%
Signs, posters, or billboards	17.0%	21.3%	29.8%	31.9%	0.0%
Text messages	27.7%	27.7%	17.0%	27.7%	0.0%
School counselor	44.7%	29.8%	19.1%	6.4%	0.0%
Family members	36.2%	40.4%	19.1%	4.3%	0.0%
GEAR UP staff	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	23.4%	0.0%
College admissions representatives	42.6%	21.3%	21.3%	12.8%	2.1%



	Extremely (%)	Moderately (%)	Slightly (%)	Not at All (%)	No Response (%)
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	31.9%	29.8%	17.0%	21.3%	0.0%

24. How, if at all, has your ability to gather information about options for education after high school been affected by the modifications to your learning environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Select all that apply.

	(%)
I have not been able to visit colleges	70.2%
It is more difficult to speak with GEAR UP or someone at my school about education after high school	38.3%
I have not been able to speak with anyone from colleges they are interested in	31.9%
I can't get hard copies of applications or information for colleges and scholarships	38.3%
I have had trouble accessing information online	21.3%
My ability to gather information has not been affected	25.5%
Other	I can not get information on nursing programs

25. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be completed as early as October 1, 2020. Have you completed your FAFSA yet?

	(%)
No, and I do not plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	2.1%
No, but I plan to complete the FAFSA this academic year.	61.7%
Yes.	36.2%
No Response	0.0%

26. 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 plan to take some time off between high school and college.	0.0%



	(%)
I do not plan to continue my education after high school.	100.0%
I'm not sure what the FAFSA is.	0.0%
I do not believe I will be eligible for financial aid.	0.0%
Other:	0.0%

27. Did you receive in-person and/or virtual support (e.g., phone, email, text message, Zoom, Google)?

	(%)
Yes, I received in-person and virtual help	17.6%
Yes, I received virtual help only	23.5%
Yes, I received in-person help only	0.0%
No, I did not receive help from GEAR UP or anyone else my school to submit my FAFSA	58.8%
No Response	0.0%

28. Have you participated in SAT or ACT test prep this school year (2020-21)?

	(%)
Yes	53.2%
No	46.8%
No Response	0.0%

28b. If you answered yes to the previous question, how helpful do you think these test prep resources have been for your SAT or ACT prep?

	Not at all (%)	Slightly (%)	Moderately (%)	Extremely (%)	Did Not Participate (%)	No Response (%)
Khan Academy	0.0%	58.8%	53.2%	46.8%	4.0%	0.0%
Testive	20.0%	0.0%	28.0%	4.0%	48.0%	0.0%
Other online resources/websites	12.0%	4.0%	44.0%	16.0%	20.0%	4.0%
Other (see below for responses)	12.0%	12.0%	0.0%	12.0%	44.0%	20.0%

If you selected "Other" please write in type

Other: Kaplan ACT Prep Plus; Teacher; Books

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

SAT (%)	ACT (%)
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0	70.2%	70.2%
1	27.7%	21.3%
2	2.1%	2.1%
More than 2	0.0%	4.3%
No response	0.0%	2.1%

30. Do you plan to take/retake the SAT this year (2020–21)?

(%)	
Yes	72.3%
No	27.7%
No Response	0.0%

31. Do you plan to take/retake the ACT this year (2020–21)?

(%)	
Yes	66.0%
No	34.0%
No Response	0.0%

32. How many college applications have you completed?

(%)	
0, and I do not plan to complete any this academic year.	2.1%
0, but I plan to complete one or more this academic year.	42.6%
1	17.0%
2 or more	38.3%
No Response	0.0%

33. Did you receive in-person and/or virtual support (e.g., phone, email, text message, Zoom, Google Classroom) from GEAR UP or anyone else at your school to complete your college applications?

(%)	
Yes, I received in-person and virtual help	23.1%
Yes, I received virtual help only	19.2%
Yes, I received in-person help only	0.0%
No, I did not receive help from GEAR UP or anyone else at my school to submit my college applications	57.7%
No Response	0.0%

*Table above includes all possible responses so total may exceed 100%.

**Percentages are based on those students who indicated completing at least one application in the previous question.



ⁱ Tables above may not total 100% due to rounding.