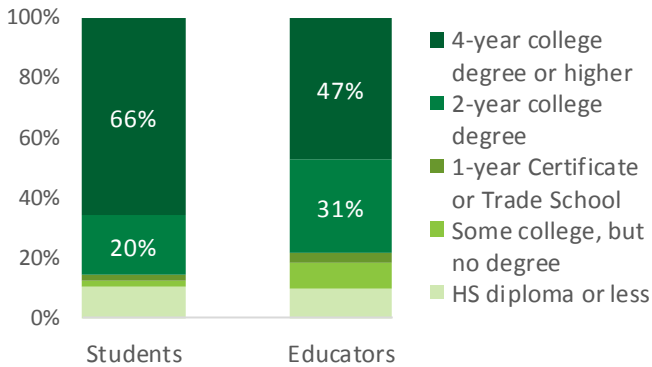


Ford Average — About the Surveys

The information on this report comes from GEAR UP surveys administered between March and April of 2015. This report, in conjunction with all other available school data, should inform planning and decision-making around college preparation and career readiness programming, including your **GEAR UP plan**. Please note that these surveys were completed by **approximately 63% of students (n = 1922) across grades 6-12 in 14 schools, and by a total of 227 educators** (including administrators & non-teaching staff). Therefore results do not necessarily represent the perceptions/experiences of those entire populations. Parent data will be included for years when parents are surveyed.

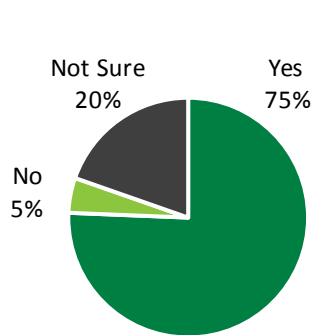
REACHING HIGHER

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION EXPECTED



* Note any differences between students and educators who expect students to achieve a 2-year degree or higher.

STUDENTS: Do you think most of your teachers expect you to continue your education after high school?



Discussion Point

What activities, opportunities, and visuals does your school provide to create a college-going culture? What kind of messaging would encourage all students to develop their college-going identities? What strategies will prepare them to set and maintain high expectations and achieve their academic and career goals after high school?

REASONS STUDENTS MIGHT NOT CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

	Students	Educators
Does not apply - definitely plans to continue education	30%	n/a
Plans or needs to work	8%	37%
Grades or test scores are not good enough	16%	15%
Does not need college to be successful in chosen career	5%	7%
Wants to start a family (or needs to take care of family)	2%	0%
Costs too much	23%	17%
College is too far from home	1%	1%
Wants to stay close to family	2%	3%
Wants to join the military service	8%	
Some other reason	5%	20%

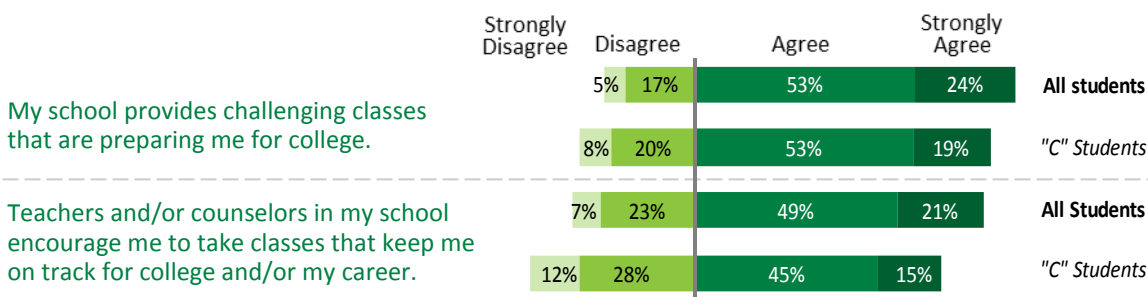
* Note: The top 3 responses from each group (students, educators) are highlighted green.

Discussion Point

How can your school best respond to each group's perspectives about the challenges students face and the reasons they will not pursue postsecondary education (PSE)? Do the reasons given actually prevent students from pursuing PSE, directly after high school or at any point in the future? See your Detailed College Enrollment Report for more information about the percentage of students who delay college enrollment. Are your students being prepared for this?

RIGOR

STUDENTS: PERCEPTIONS OF RIGOR

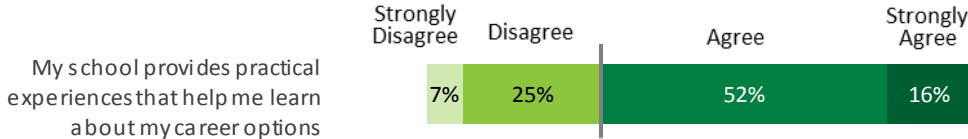


Discussion Point

Do all students have access to classes that will prepare them for college and career? Are they all being encouraged to challenge themselves with rigorous courses?

RELEVANCE

STUDENTS: PERCEPTION OF PRACTICAL CAREER EXPERIENCES



✓ **Discussion Point**
 Career fairs, job shadows, internships... what career-related learning experiences are available for students at each grade level?

RELATIONSHIPS

STUDENTS: FAMILY COLLEGE CONVERSATION

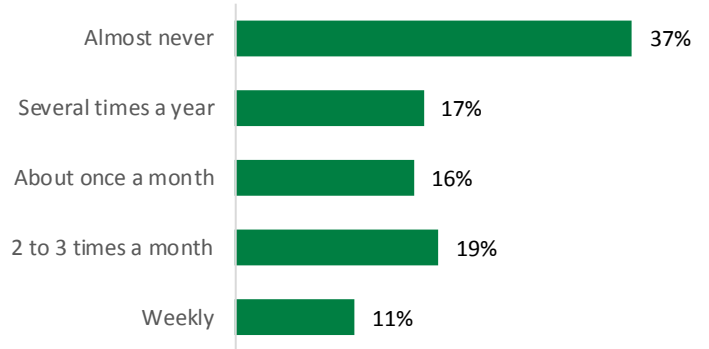
During the past year, have you talked about the requirements for getting into college with any adults in your household?

58%

of students said yes

STUDENTS: PEER COLLEGE CONVERSATION

I talk with my friends about going to college:

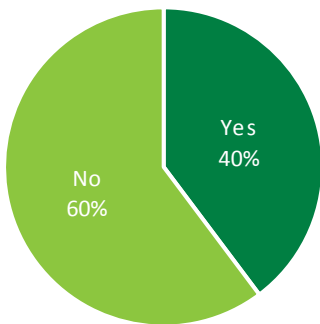


✓ **Discussion Point** How can your school facilitate college conversations for students, their friends, peers, and families, in and out of class? How can you capitalize on events parents are already attending? Are your GEAR UP events family friendly?

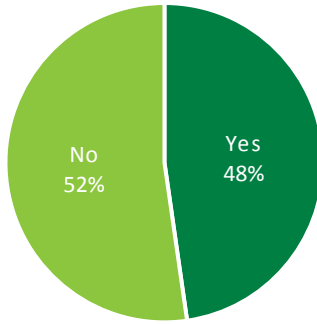
RAISING AWARENESS

STUDENTS: COLLEGE VISITS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

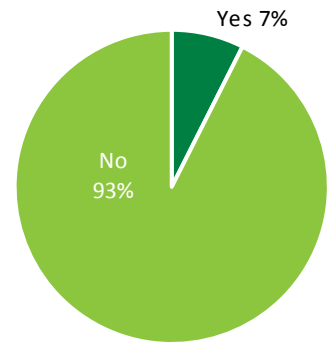
4-year College or University



Community College

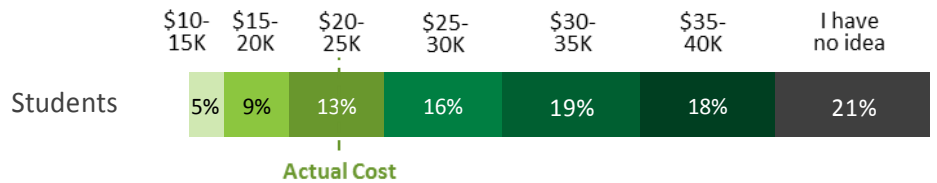


Technical, Trade, or Vocational School



KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COST OF COLLEGE

Roughly, how much do you think it costs *each year* (including tuition, books, housing, and food) to attend a 4-year public university in Oregon?



✓ **Discussion Point** Are your students over- or underestimating the actual cost of college? How might this impact their decisions and planning? Do staff and families know the actual cost of various college options?