

GEAR UP 3 Average 2014-15 Parent Survey Results

1. What grade levels are your students in?

Grade	Count	Percent
Grade 6	224	11.8%
Grade 7	339	17.9%
Grade 8	456	24.1%
Grade 9	246	13.0%
Grade 10	211	11.1%
Grade 11	241	12.7%
Grade 12	178	9.4%

Note: Data includes duplicated counts as parents could check more than one category.

2. You are . . .

Characteristic	Count	Percent
Male	298	22.0%
Female	1028	75.8%
Other gender identity	4	0.3%
Prefer not to answer	26	1.9%
Hispanic or Latino	209	15.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	57	4.1%
Asian	19	1.4%
Black or African America	16	1.1%
White	1060	76.1%
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	0.7%
Multiethnic/Multiracial/other	21	1.5%

Note: For race/ethnicity, parents could check more than one category so there are duplicate counts of parents.

3. Is your student the first person in your immediate family that will go to college?

Parent Response	Count	Percent
Yes, my student will be the first person in my family to attend college	277	20.2%
No, my student will not be the first person in my family to attend college	1029	74.9%
My student will not going to college	13	0.9%
I don't know	55	4.0%

Note: The "I don't know" category is not reported on the school level reports.

4. Have you encouraged your student to go to college?

Parent Response	Count	Percent
Yes	1336	97.2%

5. Has anyone from your student's school or GEAR UP ever spoken with you about college entrance requirements or the availability of financial aid?

Parent Response	College entrance requirements		Financial aid	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes	385	28.2%	285	20.8%

6. Do you know what it takes to be accepted into the following types of schools? Have you been on a college visit with your student?

Type of School	Knows requirements		Been on a college visit	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
4-year college	832	61.3%	364	27.3%
Community college	916	69.2%	250	20.5%
Technical, trade, or vocational school	620	48.2%	62	5.3%

7. What is the highest level of education that you expect your student to achieve?

Parent Response	Count	Percent
4-year college degree or higher	1008	73.8%
Community college degree	207	15.2%
Some college but less than a college degree	41	3.0%
1-year certificate	23	1.7%
High school diploma or GED	81	5.9%
Less than a high school diploma	5	0.4%

8. 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?

Parent Response	Count	Percent
\$10,000-\$15,000	77	5.6%
\$15,001-\$20,000	202	14.8%
\$20,001-\$25,000	248	18.1%
\$25,001-\$30,000	266	19.4%
\$30,001-\$35,000	174	12.7%
\$35,001-\$40,000	218	15.9%
I have no idea	184	13.4%

9. Do you think that your student could afford to attend a public 4-year university using financial aid, scholarships, and your family's income?

Parent Response	Count	Percent
Definitely	366	26.4%
Probably	500	36.1%
Not sure	369	26.7%
Probably not	112	8.1%
Definitely not	37	2.7%

10. On a scale of 1–5, how much do you know about financial aid and the cost and benefits of your student pursuing postsecondary education (“1” = no knowledge to “5” =extremely knowledgeable”)?

Parent Response	Count	Percent
1 = No knowledge	239	17.8%
2	250	18.6%
3	376	28.0%
4	304	22.6%
5 = Very Knowledgeable	174	13.0%

11. What school activities have you attended during the past 12 months?

Parent Response	Count	Percent
Open house	695	49.9%
Teacher Conference	1124	80.7%
Meeting with school counselor	354	25.4%
Sports event	827	59.4%
Parent group	153	11.0%
Financial aid awareness	113	8.1%
Career fair or event	111	8.0%

Note: Parents could check more than one category so there are duplicate counts of parents.

12. What is the main reason that your student MIGHT not go on to college?

Parent Response	Count	Percent
Does not apply because my student definitely plans to continue an education	881	67.9%
My student needs or plans to work	27	2.1%
My student's grades or test scores are not good enough	90	6.9%
My student does not need college to be successful in his/her chosen career	17	1.3%
My student wants to start a family (or needs to take care of my family)	3	0.2%
It costs too much	172	13.3%
College is too far from my home	3	0.2%
My student wants to stay close to the family	13	1.0%
My student wants to join the military service	34	2.6%
Some other reason	57	4.4%