

GEAR UP 3 Schools 2014-15 Student Survey Results

1. What grade are you in?

Grade	Count	Percent
Grade 6	219	3.0%
Grade 7	1072	14.5%
Grade 8	1375	18.6%
Grade 9	1319	17.8%
Grade 10	1329	18.0%
Grade 11	1205	16.3%
Grade 12	860	11.6%
Other	18	0.2%

2. You are . . .

Characteristic	Count	Percent
Male	3679	49.9%
Female	3511	47.6%
Other gender identity	83	1.1%
Prefer not to answer	102	1.4%
Hispanic or Latino	1172	15.7%
American Indian or Alaska Native	285	3.8%
Asian	100	1.3%
Black or African America	107	1.4%
White	4483	59.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	39	0.5%
Multiethnic/Multiracial	1197	16.0%
Other	105	1.4%

3. Are you the first person in your immediate family that will go to college?

Student Response	Count	Percent
Yes, I will be the first person in my family to attend college	1482	20.1%
No, I will not be the first person in my family to attend college	4370	59.3%
I am not going to college	318	4.3%
I don't know	1195	16.2%

4. How would you rank yourself academically?

Perceived Academic Ability	Count	Percent
"A" Students	1793	24.8%
"B" Students	3326	46.0%
"C" Students	1852	25.6%
"D" or below Students	260	3.6%

5. Do you think most of your teachers expect you to continue your education after high school?

Student Response	Count	Percent
Yes	5423	73.9%
No	315	4.3%
Not sure	1605	21.9%

6. Do you think at least one of your parents expects you to continue your education after high school?

Student Response	Count	Percent
Yes	6598	89.7%
No	299	4.1%
Not sure	456	6.2%

7. Has anyone from your school or GEAR UP ever spoken with you about college entrance requirements?

Student Response	Count	Percent
Yes	4008	54.7%
No	3316	45.3%

8. Do you know what it takes to be accepted into the following types of schools?

Type of School	Students who said "yes"	
	Count	Percent
4-year college	4644	64.4%
Community college	4605	64.6%
Technical, trade, or vocational school	1912	27.4%

9. During the past year, have you discussed the requirements for getting into college with any adults in your household?

Student Response	Count	Percent
Yes	4126	56.4%
No	3188	43.6%

10. What is the highest level of education that you expect to achieve?

Response	Count	Percent
4-year college degree or higher	4745	65.1%
2-year college degree	1542	21.1%
Some college but less than a college degree	242	3.3%
1-year certificate	109	1.5%
High school diploma or GED	586	8.0%
I don't expect to finish high school	69	0.9%

11. Have you ever been on a college visit during the past 12 months?

Type of School	Students who said "yes"	
	Count	Percent
4-year college	2371	33.2%
Community college	2064	29.5%
Technical, trade, or vocational school	363	5.4%

12. 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?

Student Response	Count	Percent
\$10,000-\$15,000	412	5.6%
\$15,001-\$20,000	763	10.4%
\$20,001-\$25,000	1070	14.6%
\$25,001-\$30,000	1271	17.3%
\$30,001-\$35,000	1056	14.4%
\$35,001-\$40,000	1144	15.6%
I have no idea	1614	22.0%

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

Student Response	Count	Percent
Definitely	1002	13.7%
Probably	2854	39.1%
Not sure	1981	27.1%
Probably not	1050	14.4%
Definitely not	417	5.7%

14. Has anyone from your school or GEAR UP ever spoken with you about the availability of financial aid to help you pay for college?

Student Response	Count	Percent
Yes	2702	37.1%
No	4584	62.9%

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

Student Response	Count	Percent
1 = No knowledge	1227	17.1%
2	2138	29.8%
3	2599	36.3%
4	971	13.5%
5 = Very Knowledgeable	232	3.2%

16. How often do you talk with your friends about going to college?

Student Response	Count	Percent
Weekly	1047	14.3%
2 or more times a month	1356	18.6%
About once a month	1281	17.6%
Several times a year	1060	14.5%
Almost never	2555	35.0%

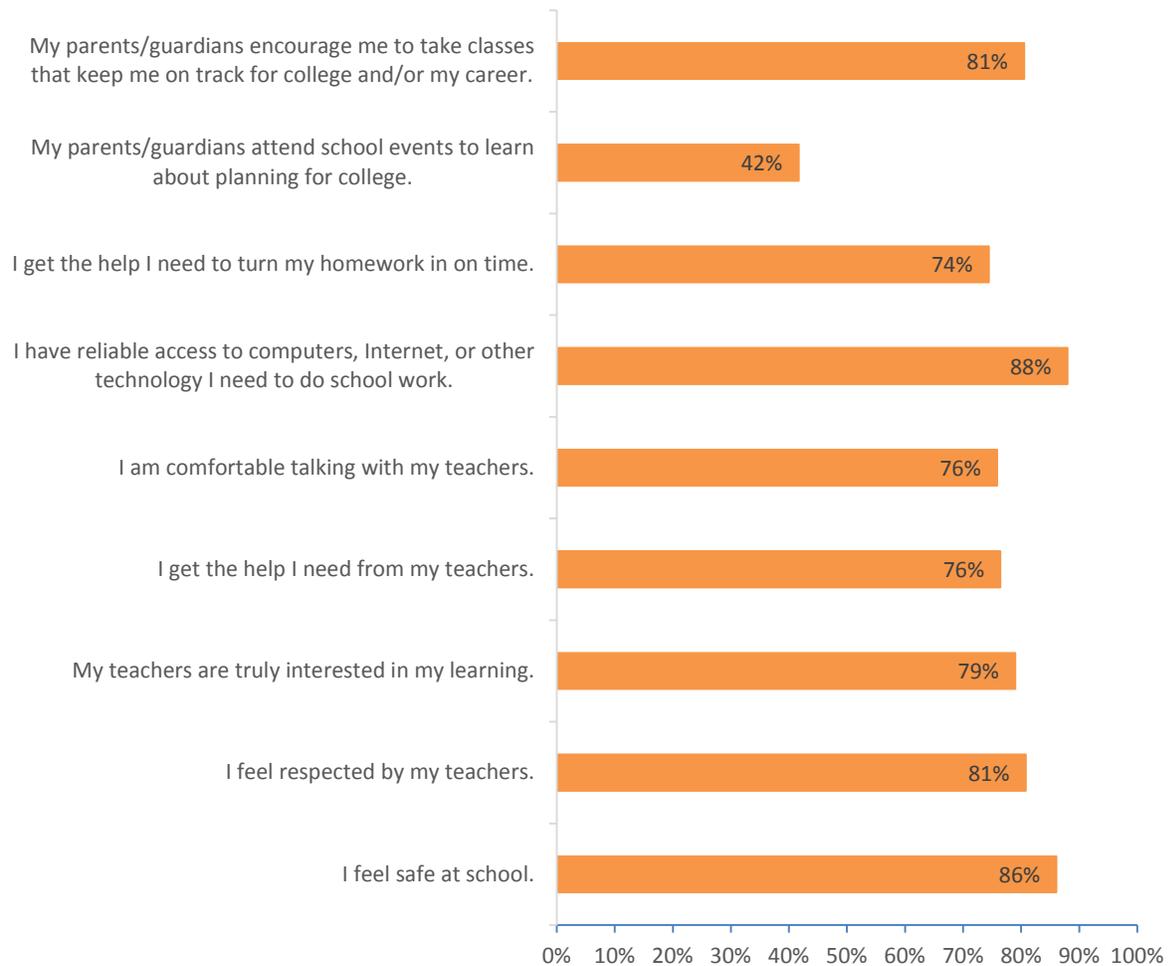
17. How many of your closest friends are planning to go to college?

Student Response	Count	Percent
All	1157	16.3%
Most	3277	46.2%
Some	2374	33.4%
None	290	4.1%

18. Percentage of students who strongly agree or agree with the following statements about their school and the support they get from adults at home and in school.

Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel safe at school.	24.6%	61.5%	10.3%	3.6%
I feel respected by my teachers.	24.3%	56.5%	15.0%	4.2%
My teachers are truly interested in my learning.	21.2%	57.8%	17.4%	3.6%
I am comfortable talking with my teachers.	20.7%	55.2%	18.9%	5.2%
I get the help I need from my teachers.	21.5%	54.9%	18.9%	4.7%
I have reliable access to computers, Internet, or other technology I need to do school work.	39.4%	48.6%	9.4%	2.6%
I get the help I need to turn my homework in on time.	20.7%	53.8%	21.1%	4.5%
My parents/guardians attend school events to learn about planning for college.	11.3%	30.4%	40.3%	18.1%
My parents/guardians encourage me to take classes that keep me on track for college and/or my career.	38.6%	41.9%	13.7%	5.7%

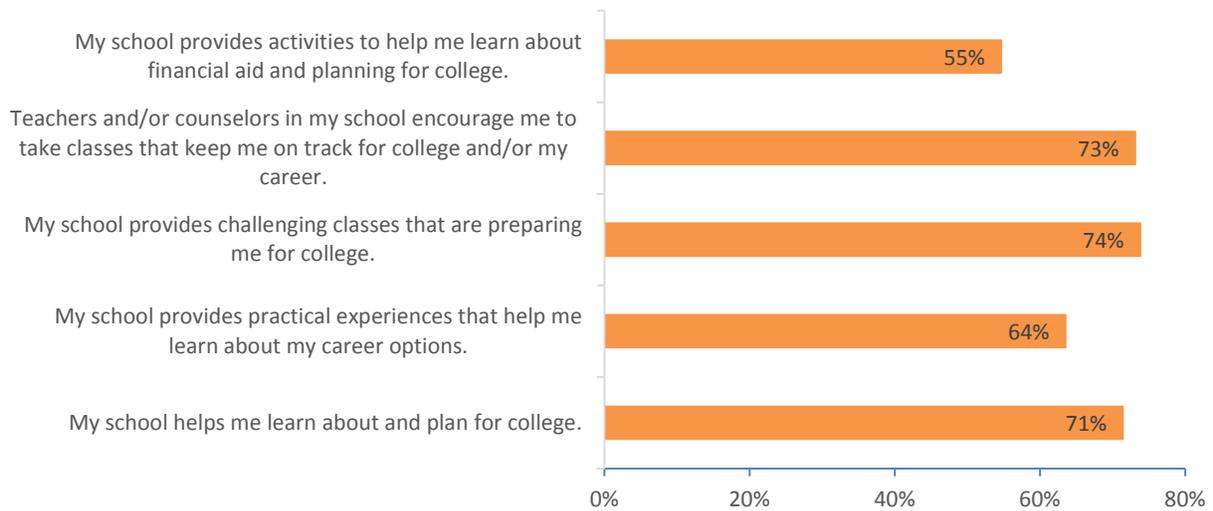
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19. Percentage of students who strongly agree or agree with the following statements about how their school is preparing them for college or a career after high school.

Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My school helps me learn about and plan for college.	17.8%	53.6%	22.8%	5.8%
My school provides practical experiences that help me learn about my career options.	13.2%	50.3%	29.5%	7.0%
My school provides challenging classes that are preparing me for college.	19.1%	54.7%	20.6%	5.6%
Teachers and/or counselors in my school encourage me to take classes that keep me on track for college and/or my career.	20.2%	52.9%	21.4%	5.4%
My school provides activities to help me learn about financial aid and planning for college.	11.1%	43.6%	34.7%	10.6%

Percentage of students who strongly agree or agree with the following statements about how their school is preparing them for college or a career after high school.



20. What is the main reason that you MIGHT not go on to college?

Response	Count	Percent
Does not apply because I definitely plan to continue my education	1845	26.4%
I need or plan to work	536	7.7%
My grades or test scores are not good enough	1136	16.2%
I do not need college to be successful in my chosen career	336	4.8%
I want to start a family (or need to take care of my family)	140	2.0%
It costs too much	1954	27.9%
College is too far from my home	50	0.7%
I want to stay close to my family	158	2.3%
I want to join the military service	462	6.6%
Some other reason	379	5.4%

21. SENIORS ONLY: Have you applied to any college for next year?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes, I applied to a 4-year college or university	254	31.5%
Yes, I applied to a community college	198	24.5%
Yes, I applied to a trade, technical, or vocational school	20	2.5%
No, but I plan to apply	254	31.5%
No, I don't plan on continuing my education after high school	81	10.0%