

Fairmont State:  
GEAR UP Partnership Grant

**2005-2006  
7th Grade Student Survey**

Please respond to all items by completely filling in the circle for each selected response.

Like this:  Not like this:

**Identification Code:**

WVEIS Number									Co.	Sch.
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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**School and School Work**

1. Who usually helps you with your homework? (*Select all that apply.*)

- Parent or guardian
- Grandparent
- Brother or sister
- Other family member
- Friend
- Teacher
- GEAR UP staff (mentor, tutor)
- Some other person

2. Compared with other students, how hard do you think you work in school?

- Not nearly as hard
- Not as hard
- About the same
- Harder
- Much harder

3. What type of student do you consider yourself to be?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent

4. How important to you is what each of the following people think you should do about your education?

- |   | <i>Not Impt.</i>      | <i>Some Impt.</i>     | <i>Very Impt.</i>     |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Parent or guardian                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Grandparent                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Brother or sister                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Other family member                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. Friend                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f. Religious leader (minister, priest, rabbi) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g. Teacher                                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| h. Guidance counselor                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i. Principal or assistant principal           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| j. Coach                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| k. GEAR UP staff (mentor, tutor)              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| l. Some other person                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

5. I am doing well (a grade of A or B) in each of these subjects:    Yes    No    Not Taking
- |            |                       |                       |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. English | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. History | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Math    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Science | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

6. If you are not doing well in a particular subject, why not?  
(Select all that apply for each subject.)
- |                                     | Eng.                  | His.                  | Math                  | Science               |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Have a C or D                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Subject is too hard                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Subject is boring                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't do well on tests              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't do all the assignments        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't like the teacher              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't understand the subject        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't like the subject              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't pay enough attention in class | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't study hard enough             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't know                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

7. Which subjects do you think you need help with? (Select all that apply.)

- |                               |                                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> English | <input type="radio"/> Science        |
| <input type="radio"/> History | <input type="radio"/> Social Studies |
| <input type="radio"/> Math    | <input type="radio"/> Spelling       |
| <input type="radio"/> Reading | <input type="radio"/> Other          |

8. What is your favorite subject in school?

- |                               |                                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Art     | <input type="radio"/> Reading        |
| <input type="radio"/> Band    | <input type="radio"/> Science        |
| <input type="radio"/> English | <input type="radio"/> Social Studies |
| <input type="radio"/> History | <input type="radio"/> Spelling       |
| <input type="radio"/> Math    | <input type="radio"/> Other          |

9. What makes that subject your favorite? (Select all that apply.)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> It's fun or cool        | <input type="radio"/> I like the activities |
| <input type="radio"/> It's easy to understand | <input type="radio"/> It's challenging      |
| <input type="radio"/> I like the teacher      | <input type="radio"/> I like the subject    |
| <input type="radio"/> I am good at it         | <input type="radio"/> Other                 |

10. Which of the following courses do you plan on taking in middle school/junior high?  
(Select all that apply.)

- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra I
- Foreign Language

11. Which of the following courses do you plan on taking in high school? (Select all that apply.)

- |                                    |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Algebra I    | <input type="radio"/> Geometry     | <input type="radio"/> Chemistry        |
| <input type="radio"/> Algebra II   | <input type="radio"/> Trigonometry | <input type="radio"/> Physics          |
| <input type="radio"/> Applied Math | <input type="radio"/> Calculus     | <input type="radio"/> Foreign language |

12. For each of the following subjects, about how many hours each day do you spend on homework?

- |                                | 0                     | ½                     | 1                     | 1½                    | 2                     | 2½                    | 3                     | Not Taking            |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. English                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Science                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Math                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. History/Social Studies      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e. All other subjects combined | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

- |  | Yes                   | No                    |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 13. I think I have good study skills.                                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. I would be interested in attending an after-school tutoring program. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. I think I have the ability to go to college.                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. In school, I participate in sports.                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 17. In school, I participate in clubs.                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. In school, I participate in student government.                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. I use a computer for school projects.                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 20. I have taken a computer class at school.                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 21. I use a computer at home.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 22. If you have a computer at home, do you have Internet access?         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 23. I plan to be living in West Virginia when I'm 30.                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 24. I plan to be working in West Virginia when I'm 30.                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 25. I would be interested in having a "college-type" mentor or buddy.    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Knowledge about College**

- |  | Yes                   | No                    |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 26. Have you ever talked with your school counselor or someone else at your school about financial aid?  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 27. Have you ever talked with your school counselor or someone else at your school about the entrance requirements for college (i.e., GPA, ACT scores, or other college requirements)? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 28. Do you have an idea of what courses you should take in high school to prepare you for college?   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

29. Have you heard of the following types of schools? Yes No
- |    |                                       |   |   |
|----|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| a. | Two-year or community college         | O | O |
| b. | Four-year college or university       | O | O |
| c. | Vocational, trade, or business school | O | O |
30. Do you think a person with a college degree typically earns more money in one year than a person who does not have a college degree? O O
31. How much do you think it costs for one year of tuition at a four-year public college in your state? (This estimate should not include food, housing, or book expenses.)
- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| O Up to \$1,000       | O \$15,001 - \$20,000 |
| O \$1,001 - \$5,000   | O \$20,001 - \$25,000 |
| O \$5,001 - \$10,000  | O \$25,001 - \$30,000 |
| O \$10,001 - \$15,000 | O More than \$30,000  |
32. How important to your future is getting an education beyond high school?
- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| O Don't know    | O Some important |
| O Not important | O Very important |

## Plans for the Future

33. What do you want to be when you grow up?
- |                             |                      |                   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| O Actor/actress             | O Doctor             | O Pilot           |
| O Architect                 | O Engineer           | O Police officer  |
| O Artist                    | O Lawyer             | O Race-car driver |
| O Athlete (any sport)       | O Mechanic           | O Scientist       |
| O Astronaut                 | O Military           | O Singer/musician |
| O Beautician                | O Model              | O Teacher         |
| O Chef                      | O Nurse              | O Truck driver    |
| O Computer/video technician | O Pharmacist         | O Veterinarian    |
| O Construction worker       | O Photographer       | O Other career    |
| O Designer/decorator        | O Physical therapist | O Don't know      |
- Yes No
34. Do you plan to continue your education after high school (that is, go to college or attend a trade school, etc.)? O O
35. Before entering the seventh grade, had you ever heard of GEAR UP? O O

36. From whom do you get most of your information about your options for continuing your education after high school? *(Select all that apply.)*

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|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Parent or guardian                         | <input type="radio"/> Teacher                          |
| <input type="radio"/> Grandparent                                | <input type="radio"/> Guidance counselor               |
| <input type="radio"/> Brother or sister                          | <input type="radio"/> Principal or assistant principal |
| <input type="radio"/> Other family member                        | <input type="radio"/> Coach                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Friend                                     | <input type="radio"/> GEAR UP staff (mentor, tutor)    |
| <input type="radio"/> Religious leader (minister, priest, rabbi) | <input type="radio"/> Some other person                |

37. How far in school do you think you will get?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than high school graduation                                    | <input type="radio"/> Two-year college degree (associate)                |
| <input type="radio"/> High school diploma   | <input type="radio"/> Four-year college degree (bachelor)                |
| <input type="radio"/> Certificate technical program<br>(less than 2-year college program) | <input type="radio"/> Six-to-ten-year college degree (master, doctorate) |
|   | <input type="radio"/> GED  |

38. What is the main reason you would not continue your education after high school?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> No reason, I definitely will go        | <input type="radio"/> I want to join the military     |
| <input type="radio"/> It costs too much or I can't afford it | <input type="radio"/> Don't want to be away from home |
| <input type="radio"/> Don't need college for planned job     | <input type="radio"/> Just don't like school          |
| <input type="radio"/> My grades are not good enough          | <input type="radio"/> I want to start a family        |
| <input type="radio"/> I'm just not interested                | <input type="radio"/> Some other reason               |
| <input type="radio"/> I need or want to work                 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                      |

39. Do you think you will be able to afford to attend a four-year college or university after high school?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Definitely can not afford it | <input type="radio"/> Probably can afford it               |
| <input type="radio"/> Probably can not afford it   | <input type="radio"/> Definitely will be able to afford it |
| <input type="radio"/> I'm not sure                 |  |

Yes No

40. During the past year, have you discussed academic requirements for attending a four-year college with any adults in your household?

41. Have any of your family members attended college?

Yes No

- |                              |                       |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Mother or female guardian | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Father or male guardian   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Grandparent               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Brother or sister         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

42. How much education do you think your father or male guardian wants you to get?
- Less than high school graduation
  - High school diploma
  - Certificate technical program  
(less than 2-year college program)
  - Two-year college degree (associate)
  - Four-year college degree (bachelor)
  - Six-to-ten-year college degree (master, doctorate)
  - GED
43. How much education do you think your mother or female guardian wants you to get?
- Less than high school graduation
  - High school diploma
  - Certificate technical program  
(less than 2-year college program)
  - Two-year college degree (associate)
  - Four-year college degree (bachelor)
  - Six-to-ten-year college degree (master, doctorate)
  - GED

## Background

44. What is your gender?
- Male*      *Female*
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45. How old are you?
- 10*      *11*      *12*      *13*      *14*      *Other*
- 
46. How do you describe yourself?
- American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Black or African American
  - Hispanic or Latino
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - White
  - Biracial
  - Multiracial
47. How many brothers do you have?
- 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9
48. How many sisters do you have?
- 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9
49. Counting yourself, how many people live in your home?
- 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9

# Aspirations

Use the following scale to indicate your level of agreement for each of the following items:

1 = Strongly Disagree (**SD**)    2 = Disagree (**D**)    3 = Don't Know (**DK**)    4 = Agree (**A**)    5 = Strongly Agree (**SA**)

	<i>SD</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>SA</i>
50. I need more education or training after high school to get a satisfying job.	①	②	③	④	⑤
51. I want to make some money immediately after high school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
52. I plan to continue my education after high school, no matter what my career.	①	②	③	④	⑤
53. I can get a satisfying job without further education after high school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
54. Continuing my education after high school might help me decide what to do.	①	②	③	④	⑤
55. I am anxious to begin my career as soon as possible after high school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
56. The opinions/plans of friends help me make decisions for after high school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
57. Getting a job right after high school might help me decide what I want to do.	①	②	③	④	⑤
58. I won't be able to afford to continue my education after high school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
59. The opinions/plans of family help me make decisions for after high school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
60. I can take control of situations.	①	②	③	④	⑤
61. I know what I want and I go after it.	①	②	③	④	⑤
62. I am a good leader.	①	②	③	④	⑤
63. I can select the best way to solve a problem.	①	②	③	④	⑤
64. I do what I say I will.	①	②	③	④	⑤
65. I usually have fun in class.	①	②	③	④	⑤
66. I am a positive role model to other students.	①	②	③	④	⑤
67. Teachers care about my problems and feelings.	①	②	③	④	⑤
68. Teachers respect my thoughts.	①	②	③	④	⑤
69. I seek solutions to complex problems.	①	②	③	④	⑤
70. I have a strong caring relationship with an adult.	①	②	③	④	⑤
71. Teachers care about my success in class.	①	②	③	④	⑤
72. I believe I can always improve.	①	②	③	④	⑤
73. Teachers expect me to succeed.	①	②	③	④	⑤
74. I am confident in my ability to do well.	①	②	③	④	⑤

1 = Strongly Disagree (**SD**)    2 = Disagree (**D**)    3 = Don't Know (**DK**)    4 = Agree (**A**)    5 = Strongly Agree (**SA**)

	<i>SD</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>SA</i>
75. I take action on causes I believe in.	①	②	③	④	⑤
76. Teachers value my opinions.	①	②	③	④	⑤
77. I accept responsibility for my actions.	①	②	③	④	⑤
78. I am proud of my school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
79. Teachers help me to succeed.	①	②	③	④	⑤
80. I put forth the necessary effort to reach a goal.	①	②	③	④	⑤
81. Teachers support me when I try something new.	①	②	③	④	⑤
82. My courses help me to understand what is happening in my everyday life.	①	②	③	④	⑤
83. Teachers tell me I do a good job when I try my best.	①	②	③	④	⑤
84. I am eager to learn new things.	①	②	③	④	⑤
85. Teachers make learning exciting.	①	②	③	④	⑤
86. I have a teacher who is a positive role model for me.	①	②	③	④	⑤
87. Teachers allow me to explore topics I find interesting.	①	②	③	④	⑤
88. I am not usually bored in school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
89. Teachers expect me to be a good decision maker.	①	②	③	④	⑤
90. Anyone can succeed if they work hard enough.	①	②	③	④	⑤
91. I have opportunities to decide for myself what I learn about in school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
92. Teachers encourage me to ask questions.	①	②	③	④	⑤
93. I like my school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
94. School is a good place to be.	①	②	③	④	⑤
95. I like to lead others.	①	②	③	④	⑤
96. Other students look to me for direction.	①	②	③	④	⑤
97. I am in control of my life.	①	②	③	④	⑤
98. I like to make decisions for myself.	①	②	③	④	⑤

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