

Post-Graduation Intentions: 2017-2018 Senior Exit Survey Results

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INTRO

- Each year, the School District of Philadelphia administers an exit survey to graduating seniors.
- The primary purpose of the Senior Exit Survey is to capture students' intentions after high school—specifically, whether they are planning to obtain additional education, employment, or to pursue other activities.

METHODS

- Survey questions asked about student's high school experiences, supports received, and post-high school intentions.
- Approximately 72% of students with 12th grade status at 55 District High Schools completed the survey (n = 5,746) between April and August, 2018.
- Data comparing student subgroups (gender, race/ethnicity, EL status, IEP Status, Economically Disadvantaged status) were analyzed using Excel and SPSS.

RESULTS

- 84.5% of seniors who completed the survey said they intended to pursue post-secondary education within one year of graduation. 8.9% said they intended to work, 2.2% said they intended to join the military, and 4.3% responded other/unsure.
- There were differences in post-secondary intentions by gender, English Learner status, economically disadvantaged status, and special education status.
- Nearly a third of seniors who intended to pursue post-secondary education within one year of graduation planned on attending Community College within PA.
- More than a quarter of seniors who intended to pursue post-secondary education within one year of graduation indicated that health-related fields as the top college major of choice.
- More than half of seniors who completed the survey strongly agreed that adults at their school gave them a lot of help in applying for college.

DISCUSSION

- In 2017-2018, the percentage of students intending post-secondary education decreased slightly from 2016-2017 (about 3 percentage points).
- SDP continues to administer the Senior Exit Survey on an annual basis and monitor student progress in achieving post-graduation plans.

In 2017-2018, about 8 out of 10 District Seniors intended to pursue post-secondary education within one year of graduation.



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Intent Category by Demographic Characteristics, n = 5,746						
	# of Students	Education	Work	Military	Other	
Gender	Female	2,879	89.2%	6.1%	1.3%	3.3%
	Male	5,979	78.5%	12.5%	3.4%	5.6%
Race/Ethnicity	White	673	83.9%	9.5%	2.7%	3.9%
	Black/ African-American	2,610	85.5%	8.4%	2.2%	3.9%
	Hispanic/Latino	718	77.4%	13.9%	3.1%	5.6%
	Asian	682	89.0%	4.8%	1.0%	5.1%
	Other*	175	88.4%	7.1%	1.5%	3.0%
English Language Learner	No	4,385	85.6%	8.5%	2.3%	3.7%
	Yes	473	75.9%	12.5%	1.9%	9.6%
Special Education	No	4,617	85.8%	8.3%	2.2%	3.8%
	Yes	241	66.4%	18.5%	2.8%	12.4%
Economically Disadvantaged**	No	2,009	85.2%	8.4%	1.9%	4.5%
	Yes	2,541	84.3%	8.0%	2.4%	4.2%
Overall	5,746	84.5%	8.9%	2.2%	4.3%	

*Results for American Indian/Alaskan Native and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander are not reported.

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*Results for American Indian/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander combined with Other

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