# RESULTS OF THE AISD HIGH SCHOOL EXIT SURVEY
## CLASS OF 2008

## AKINS HIGH SCHOOL

The sixth annual AISD High School Exit Survey was administered online[1] to seniors in every AISD High School during the Spring of 2008. This report contains the results for the Akins High School Class of 2008. Where available, longitudinal data are presented to compare with the current 2008 responses. In addition, average results from all AISD high schools are presented alongside results for Akins for comparison purposes. In total, 3,192 students in the Class of 2008 completed the survey, including 326 students from Akins. Longitudinal tests for statistical significance were conducted with district-level data (see district-level report).

**Table 1. High School Exit Survey Response Rates, Classes of 2005 to 2008**

| | Percentage of Enrolled Seniors Responding [2] | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Class of 2005 | Class of 2006 | Class of 2007 | Class of 2008 |
| **Akins** | 77.3% | | | |

**Table 5. If You Decide to Pursue Further Education at a Later Time, Would You Like to Come Back to Your High School for Support and Assistance With the Application and Financial Aid Process? (Item 10)**

| Response | 2007-2008 All HS | 2007-2008 Akins HS |
|---|---|---|
| **Yes** | 26.6% | 21.9% |
| **No** | 30.13% | 34.4% |
| **Not Sure** | 43.2% | 43.8% |

*Note.* This item was new in 2008. Because very few students indicated that they would not pursue further education within a year, percentages should be interpreted with caution.

**Figure 1. To What Extent Do Your Parents / Family Support Your Plans for After High School? (Item 11)**

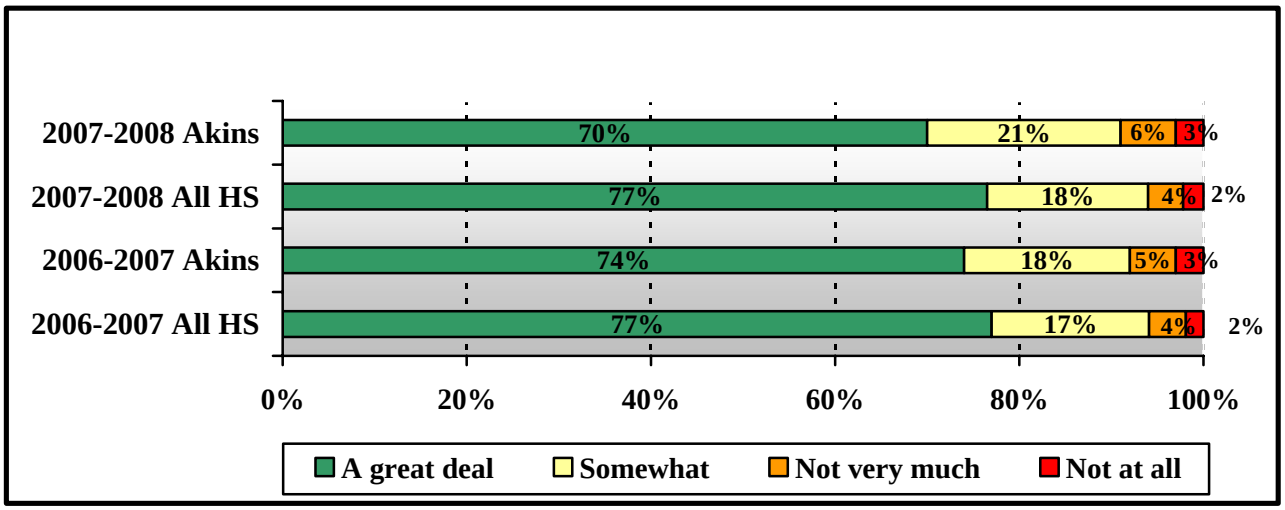



**Table 6. To What Extent Were Your Parents Involved in the Following School-Related Things? (Item 12)**

| Activity | 2007-2008 All HS | 2007-2008 Akins HS |
|---|---|---|
| **Working wi** | | |

**Table 9. How Many Different High Schools Have You Attended? (Item 3)**

| | All HS | | Akins HS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| # of schools | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 |
| 1 | 76.1% | 77.5% | 70.1% | 75.2% |
| 2 | 16.8% | 16.8% | 16.7% | 18.4% |
| 3 or more | 7.2% | 5.6% | 7.3% | 6.4% |

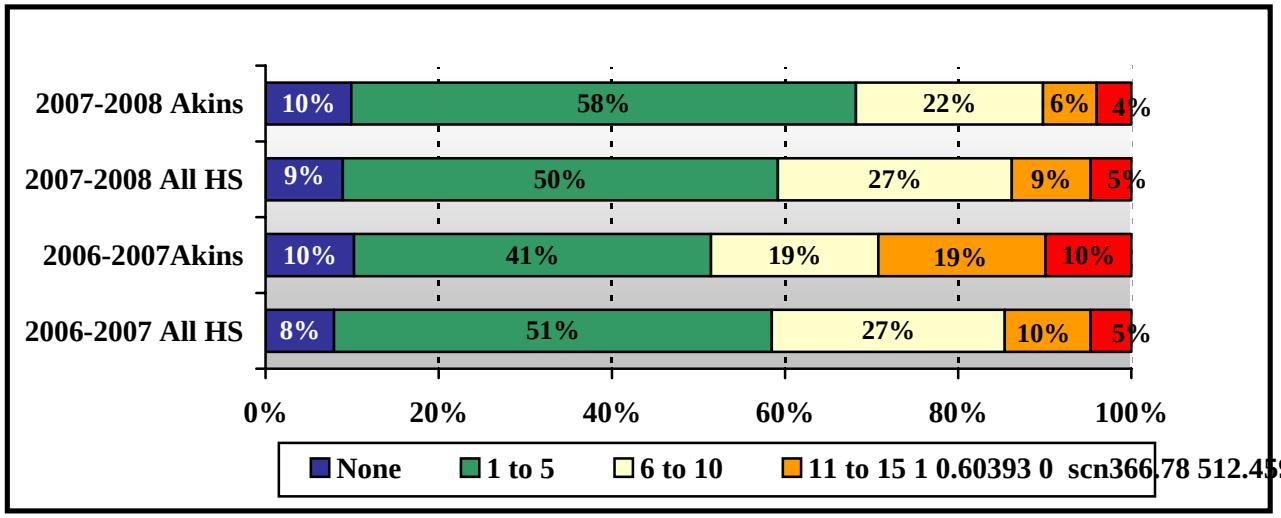
**Table 10. Please Indicate the Number of Years of High School in Which You Participated in Each of These Extracurricular Activities. (Items 16 & 18)**

| In school | All HS 2007-2008 Percentage participating 1 or more years | Akins HS 2007-2008 Percentage participating 1 or more years |
|---|---|---|
| Music | 35.2% | 29.8% |
| Theater/Drama | 20.4% | 21.2% |
| Dance | 23.2% | 28.4% |
| Sports | 58.8% | 54.8% |
| UIL Academic Competition | 18.8% | 20.0% |
| Speech/Debate | 21.2% | 17.0% |
| Student Government | 16.5% | 14.4% |
| Other | 30.7% | |

**Table 11. Please Indicate the Number of Years of High School That You Have Been Employed (Either During the Year or During the Summer). (Item 21)**

| | 2007-2008 | |
|---|---|---|
| **Years** | **All HS** | **Akins HS** |
| **0 Years** | 24.4% | 24.0% |
| **1 Year** | 28.2% | 27.4% |
| **2 Years** | 26.2% | 26.8% |
| **3 Years** | 13.7% | 14.5% |
| **4 Years** | 7.5% | 7 |

**Figure 3. Thinking Back on Your Years in High School, How Many Hours per Week Did You Typically Spend Studying, Doing Research, or Completing Homework Assignments Outside of Class? (Item 23)**



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| 2008 HS de 1 | Akins HS Seniors |
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| | 3.2 |
| | 2.8 |
| | 2.7 |
| | 2.7 |
| | 3.3 |
| | 2.9 |
| | 2.9 |

**Table 14. How Well Did Your High School Help You to Actively Develop Knowledge and Skills in the Following Areas? (Item 26)**

| | Somewh |
|---|---|

## POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION AND ADVISING

**Table 18. At What Time in Your Life Did You Start Thinking About College as a Possibility After High School? (Item 30)**

| Time | All HS | | Akins HS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 |
| As long as I can remember | 39.1% | 40.5% | 34.5% | 27.6% |
| In elementary school | * | 8.5% | 9.1% | 7.8% |
| In middle/junior high school | 21.0% | 21.8% | 23.4% | 23.9% |
| In high school | 25.3% | 26.8% | 28.5% | 37.6% |
| I've never thought about college as an option after high school | 2.5% | 2.3% | 4.6% | 3.1% |

*Item changed from previous surveys when it was, "When I was a child."

**Table 19. High School Preparation for Post-Graduation Opportunities (Item 31a-D & Item 20)**

| Preparation | Somewhat well or Very well 2007-2008 | |
|---|---|---|
| | All HS | Akins HS |
| How well prepared were you to plan your high school course selections? | 91.2% | 91.0% |
| How well prepared were you to meet your college and career goals? | 88.4% | 82.3% |
| school application process? | 83.4% | 77.4% |
| How well informed are/were you about obtaining financial aid for education after high school | | |

**Table 20. How Did You Prepare for Continuing Education? (Check All That Apply) (Items 32 & 35)**

| Preparation | All HS 2006-2007 | All HS 2007-2008 | Akins HS 2006-2007 | Akins HS 2007-2008 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Took the PSAT examination | 57.9% | 68.0% | 48.9% | 55.5% |
| Took AP/IB classes | 45.3% | 48.6% | 39.5% | 39.0% |
| Visited campuses | 44.0% | 51.8% | 34.2% | 42.0% |
| Attended college fairs | 44.4% | 48.6% | 52.0% | 63.5% |
| Completed and submitted a FAFSA | 41.3% | 49.3% | 33.3% | 42.6% |
| Completed and submitted a scholarship application | 30.8% | 41.5% | 25.1% | 42.6% |
| Took college entrance tests | 65.6% | 72.4% | 52.0% | 59.8% |
| Took test prep class | 38.2% | 41.7% | 37.6% | 33.1% |
| Completed ACC courses | 23.3% | 29.4% | 13.3% | 13.8% |
| Ordered and submitted transcripts | 40.3% | 50.3% | 29.9% | 37.7% |
| Applied to a 2-year college (including ACC)* | 49.8% | 41.1% | 40.4% | 52.1% |
| Applied to a 4-year college* | 69.1% | 63.9% | 57.9% | 46.0% |
| Applied to a business/technical/vocational school* | 13.8% | 6.5% | 20.3% | 7.4% |

*Note.* Respondents may select more than one option; percentages will not total 100%.
*An answer to this item was required in 2006-07, therefore percentages may not be entirely comparable.

**Table 21. In Which of The Following College Preparation Programs Did You Participate While in High School? (Item 33)**

| Program | 2007-2008 All HS |
|---|---|

**Table 22. If You Participated in One or More College Preparation Programs, What Did You Get Out of It? (Item 34)**

| Benefit | 2007-2008 All HS | 2007-2008 Akins HS |
|---|---|---|
| They encouraged me to attend school regularly | 35.3% | 28.6% |
| They helped me choose the HS courses to prepare for college | 31.8% | 25.0% |
| They explained the financial aid process to me | 37.9% | 30.4% |
| They were available to help with school-related issues | 29.1% | 19.1% |
| They helped me deal with personal issues | 18.7% | 11.9% |
| They helped me believe that college was right for me | 33.4% | 27.4% |
| They helped me apply to college | 47.3% | 35.1% |
| Other | 8.6% | 4.8% |

*Note.* This item was new in 2008.

**Figure 6. How Helpful Was Your Project ADVANCE Facilitator/College Advisor in the Following Types Of Meetings? (Item 37)**

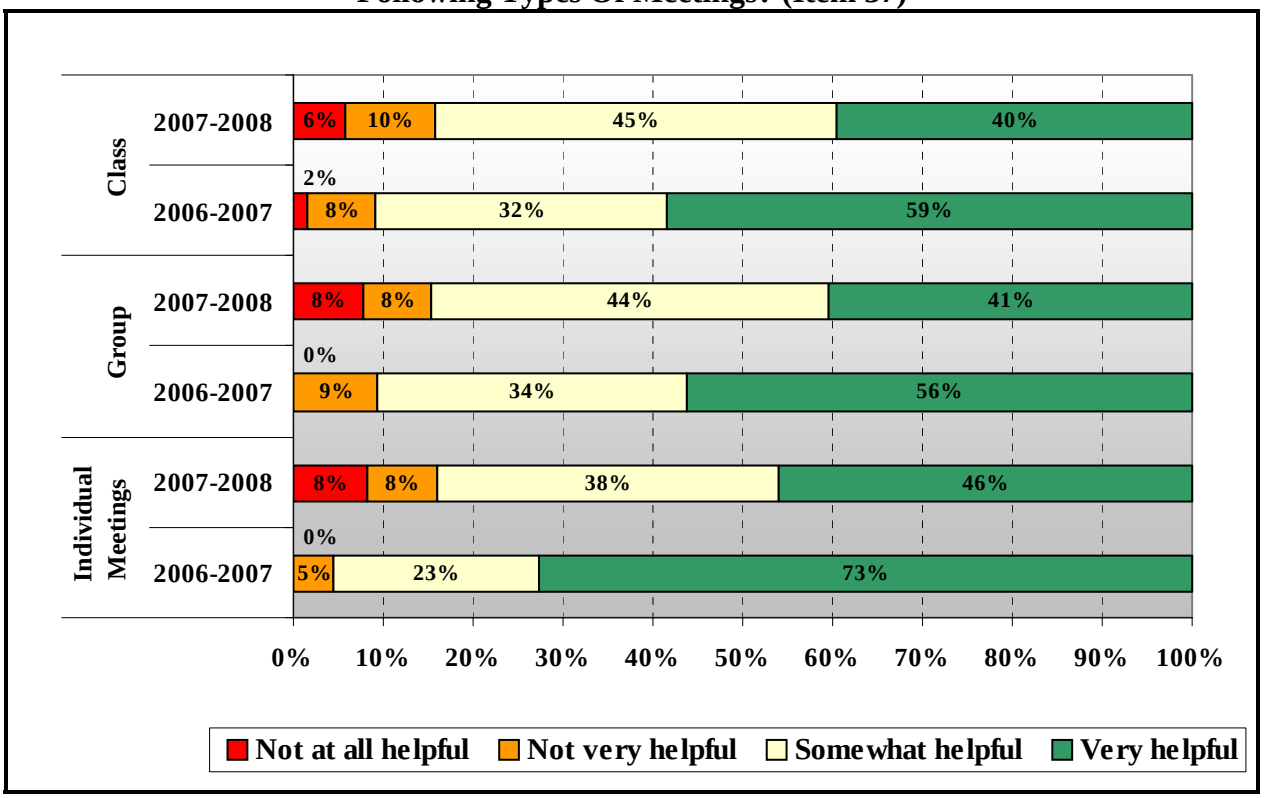


**Figure 7. How Helpful Was Your Project ADVANCE Facilitator/College Advisor With the Following Processes? (Item 38)**

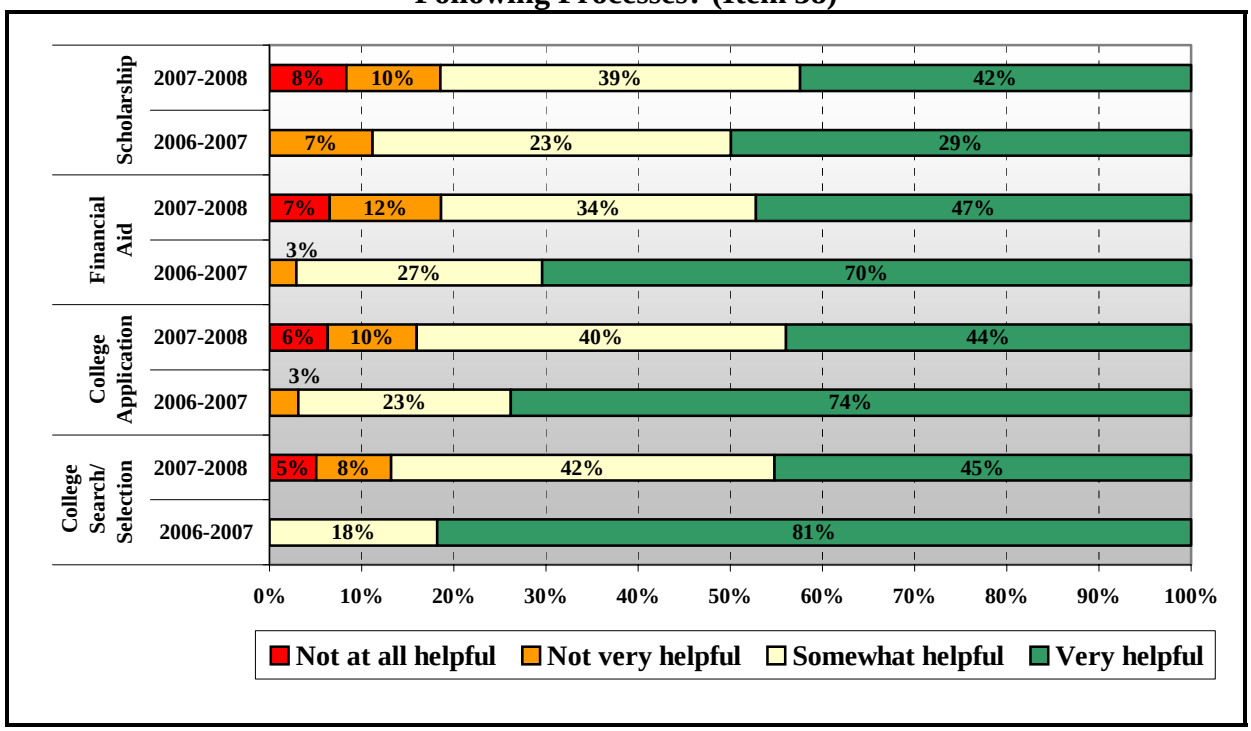
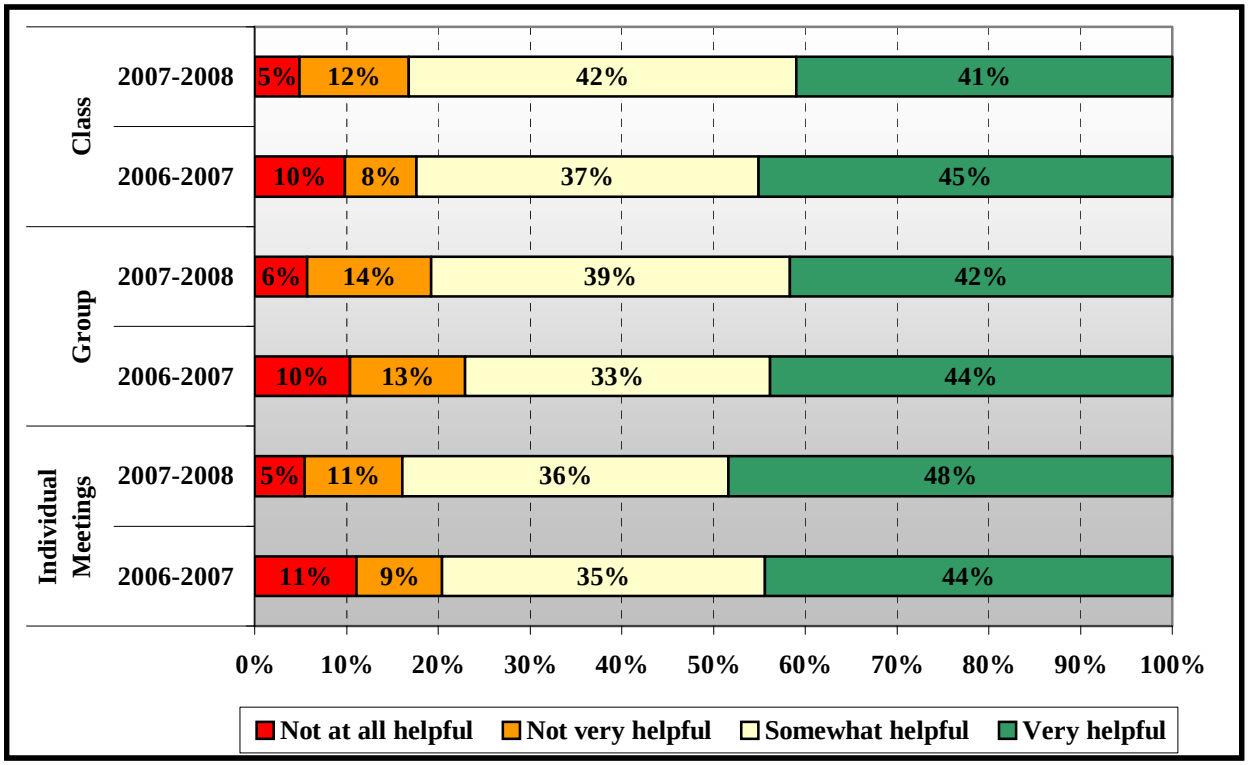



**Figure 8. How Helpful Was Your Advocate/Advisory Teacher in the Following Types of Meetings? (Item 40)**




*Note.* In 2007, there were separate items for Advocate and Advisory teachers. The 2006-2007 data reported here are regarding Advisory teachers only.

**Figure 9. How Helpful Was Your School Counselor in the Following Types of Meetings? (Item 41)**

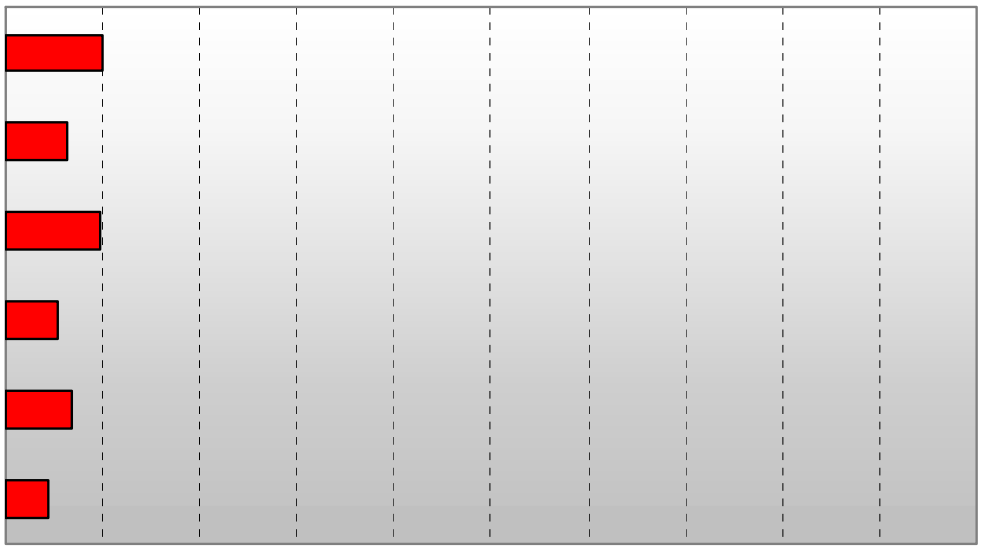
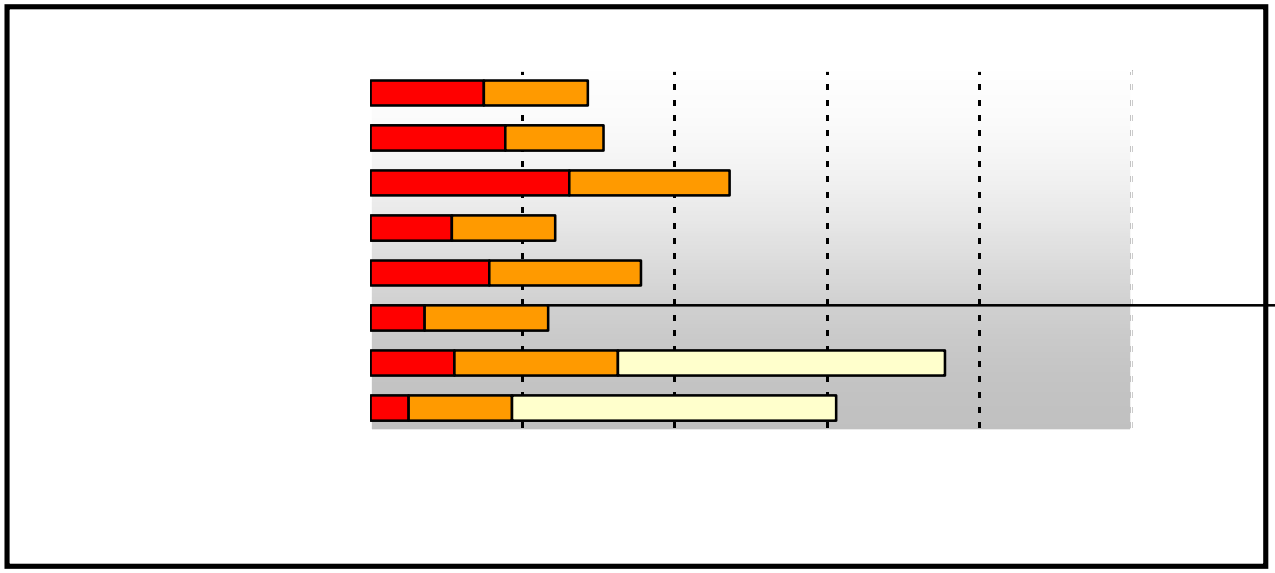


**Figure 10. Which of the Following People (Other Than Your Project ADVANCE Counselor) Helped You to Prepare for the College/Technical /Vocational School Application Process and How Helpful W**

**Figure 11. Which of the Following People (Other Than Your Project ADVANCE Counselor) Helped You Obtain Information About Financial Aid for Education After High School and How Helpful Were They? (Item 43)**



## Table 26. How Do You Plan to Pay for Your Education After High School? (Item 45)

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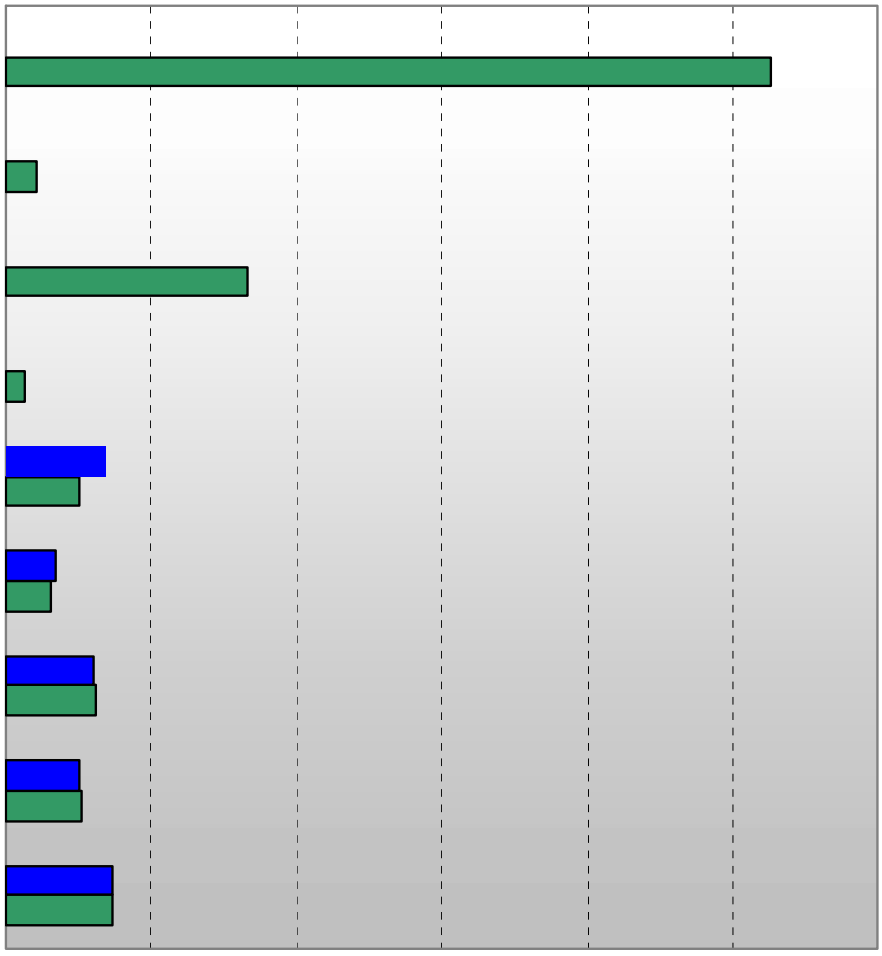
**Figure 12. What Is the One Thing That Was Most Important to Keeping You Going Through School All The Way to Graduation? (Item 46)**