High School Exit Survey Report for Class of 2011, Akins High School

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The ninth annual Austin Independent School District (AISD) High School Exit Survey was administered online to seniors in every AISD high school during Spring 2011. At each campus, Project ADVANCE facilitators primarily were responsible for ensuring all seniors were given the opportunity to complete the survey. Campus-level special education staff identified those seniors cognitively unable to complete the survey. These were the only students deemed ineligible to take the survey. Special education chairs at each campus were tasked with providing eligible special education students with guidance and assistance in completing the survey. Funding for this report was provided by district local funds.

This report contains the results for the Akins High School Class of 2011. Where available, data are presented from previous senior classes to compare with 2011 responses. In addition, district results are presented alongside campus results for comparison purposes. In total, 7,393 students in the Class of 2011 completed the survey, including 382 students from Akins. Tests for statistical significance are not included in this report; such analyses will be included in the district report.

Table 1 presents adjusted yearly response rates by campus and by district. The response

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Table 4b. During High School, To What Extent Were Your Parents Involved in the Following School-Related Activities? (Item 10)

	Akins				All HS			
	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often

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Figure 1. Indicate the Average Number of Hours Per Week That You Worked During Last Summer. (Item 16a)

Figure 2. Indicate the Average Number of Hours Per Week That You Worked During Your Senior Year (Item 16b)

Table 9a. Mark the Answer That Best Indicates How You Feel (Item 18)

Percentage who responded sometimes or always*	Akins		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
I can do even the hardest schoolwork if I try	92.6%	89.3%	91.8%	91.6%
I enjoy doing my schoolwork	64.7%	61.2%	58.6%	59.9%
I feel/felt well prepared for TAKS	87.4%	90.6%	89.3%	90.7%
I try hard to do my best work	91.0%	91.5%	89.5%	90.7%
I feel successful in my schoolwork	89.1%	87.1%	90.3%	89.6%
I can reach the goals I set for myself	96.0%	93.2%	95.4%	94.7%
My homework helps me learn things I need to know	78.0%	77.2%	75.9%	76.2%
I know how I'm doing in school	94.3%	91.7%	92.2%	92.3%
My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways	69.5%	71.1%	68.4%	69.2%
I have fun learning in my classes	77.3%	69.7%	76.5%	75.9%
My teachers connect what I am learning to my life outside of theclassroom	62.6%	60.8%	66.1%	64.8%
I like to come to school	70.9%	68.6%	71.4%	72.5%

*Response options were Never, Not a lot, Sometimes, Always, and Don't know.

Table 9b. Mark the Answer That Best Indicates How You Feel (Item 18)

	Akins					All HS				
	Never	Not a lot	Sometimes	Always	Don't know	Never	Not a lot	Sometimes	Always	Don't know
I can do even the hardest schoolwork if I try	3.7%	6.9%	44.8%	43.5%	1.1%	2.7%	5.6%	42.4%	47.9%	1.5%
I enjoy doing my schoolwork	9.8%	28.7%	52.7%	8.2%	0.5%	11.2%	28.6%	50.6%	9.0%	0.5%
I feel/felt well prepared for TAKS	3.2%	6.1%	23.7%	66.0%	1.1%	2.9%	6.2%	23.5%	65.4%	2.0%
I try hard to do my best work										

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Table 10a How Well Did Your High School Help You to Actively Develop Knowledge and Skills in the Following Areas? (Item 19)

Percentage who responded Somewhat well or Very well*	Akins			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
Teamwork	94.2%	89.2%	90.9%	90.6%
Creative thinking	95.6%	89.7%	90.9%	90.6%
Problem solving	94.2%	91.0%	92.2%	92.4%
Conflict resolution	88.3%	84.6%	85.4%	84.2%
Personal health/fitness	87.5%	83.6%	81.6%	82.9%
Time management	86.3%	83.4%	81.7%	83.0%
Technology	88.6%	84.8%	86.3%	85.6%

* Response options were Not well, Somewhat well, and Very well.

Table 11a. Rate the Quality of Instruction You Feel You Received in the Following Areas. (Item 20)

Percentage who responded Good or Excellent*	Akins			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
English Language Arts	80.8%	82.8%	81.6%	82.3%
Mathematics	69.2%	67.8%	66.4%	68.5%
Science	59.3%	62.6%	60.7%	68.6%

Table 12a. How Frequently Do You Use a Computer or Other Internet-Capable Devices (For Example, a Mobile Phone, iTouch, or iPad)? (Item 22)

Percentage who responded At least once a week or more*	Akins			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
At home?	81.7%	84.1%	85.1%	88.1%
At school?	69.3%	76.3%	83.7%	84.1%
To present material in class, for example, using PowerPoint				

Table 13a Indicate How Much You Agree With Each of the Following Statements About Technology Use at School: (Item 23)

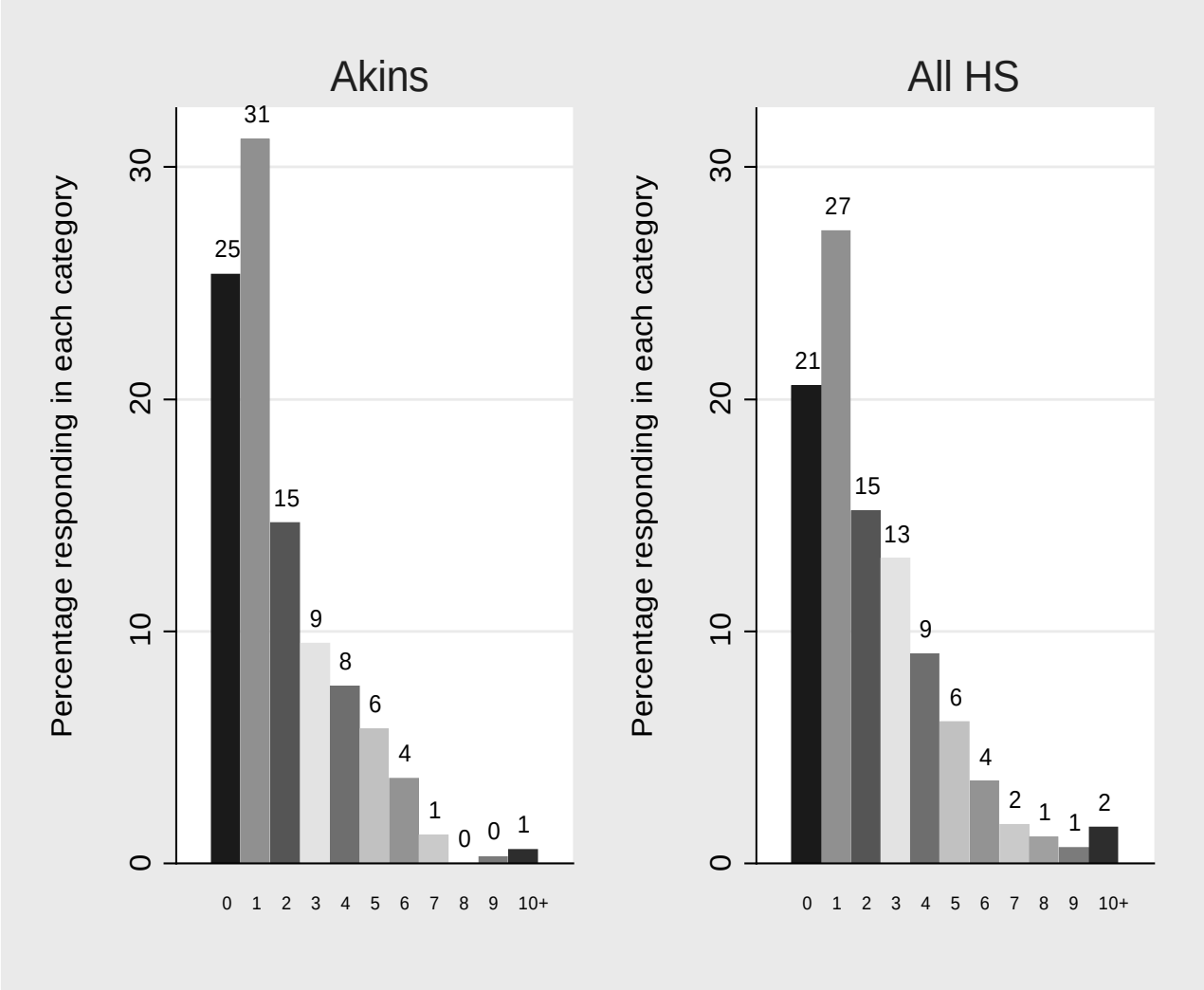
Percentage who responded Agree or Strongly agree*	Akins		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
My teachers effectively use the technology resources that are available.	91.4%	92.6%	90.4%	90.9%
I would like to use more electronic communication				

Figure 5. Do Your Parents Use ParentConnect / GradeSpeed to Monitor Your Grades? (Item 24)

Table 17. For Each of the Subjects Below, Indicate How Prepared You Feel to Complete College-Level Coursework. (Item 29)

	Akins				All HS			
	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
I am not prepared for regular or advanced college-level coursework	4.4%	9.7%	8.1%	5.3%	3.9%	8.3%	6.7%	4.3%
I will have to take remedial or developmental classes to prepare for college level coursework	18.3%	28.5%	28.1%	19.8%	18.1%	28.1%	25.0%	18.0%
I am prepared for any college-level coursework	69.5%	51.8%	52.2%	66.0%	70.4%	54.3%	58.6%	69.8%
I do not know if I am prepared for college level coursework	7.8%	10.0%	11.7%	8.9%	7.6%	9.3%	9.7%	7.9%

Figure 7. To How Many Postsecondary Institutions Have You ***Been Accepted?*** (Items 34, 35, and 36)



Note. Results were rounded to the nearest whole number, so percentages may not total 100%.

Table 21. Indicate Whether the Following People Helped You With Any of the Activities Listed Below. (Item 37)

	Akins			All HS
	Advisory	College and Career Center Advisor	School counselor	Dï¼ !? À 1 @D ($ $eN¬! 3"a îÌ , q ˆÄ56a8ƒe‡ Â”rF$…R E7bò! F$…R

Table 24.Which of the Following Did a Family Member Do to Help You Prepare for Life After High School Graduation? (Item 40)

	Akins 2011	All HS 2011
Talked to you about career and/or college options	76.0%	81.6%
Talked to you about finances	66.1%	71.1%
Talked to you about your responsibilities as an adult	77.2%	77.5%
Talked to you about what a career and/or college would be like	64.9%	70.1%
Helped you with financial aid (FAFSA and/or scholarships)	51.2%	57.0%
Helped you complete applications for college or vocational/technical schools	38.6%	46.6%
Encouraged you to apply to several different colleges	55.3%	60.9%
No one in my family talked to me about or helped me with these things.	12.0%	10.0%

Note.Results for this item may not match prior year reports. Prior to 2011, the results for this question were based on the total number of survey respondents. In 2011, the results are t(d)32(I) Tw [MCID 2-1s are rn refop4(n)-1D. -1220(nD.

Table 25. Indicate If You Know At Least One Teacher Who Would Do The Following. (Item 41)

	Akins		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Would be willing to give you extra help with your schoolwork if needed	80.3%	87.5%	85.9%	87.1%
Would be willing to help you with a personal problem	66.9%	77.4%	73.9%	76.2%
Cares about how you're doing in school	81.1%	89.3%	81.4%	83.8%
Would be willing to write you a recommendation for a job or college	75.4%	86.0%	81.9%	84.0%
Knows what you will be doing next year	59.0%	70.4%	66.1%	67.3%
Would be willing to help you even after you graduate	64.7%	71.6%	68.4%	67.7%

Note. Respondents could select more than one option, so percentages may not total 100%.

Table 26. Were Your School Counselors and Project Advance Staff Available to Talk to You About College and Careers? (Item 42)

	Akins		All HS	
	Counselor	Project ADVANCE facilitator	Counselor	Project ADVANCE facilitator
Yes, they were available and I talked to them	59.1%	52.0%	58.2%	56.7%
Yes, but I didn't try to talk to them	18.4%	18.8%	23.5%	22.2%
No. I tried and wasn't able to meet with them.	13.6%	8.2%	9.1%	4.6%
No, but I never tried to meet with them	8.9%	21.0%	9.2%	16.5%

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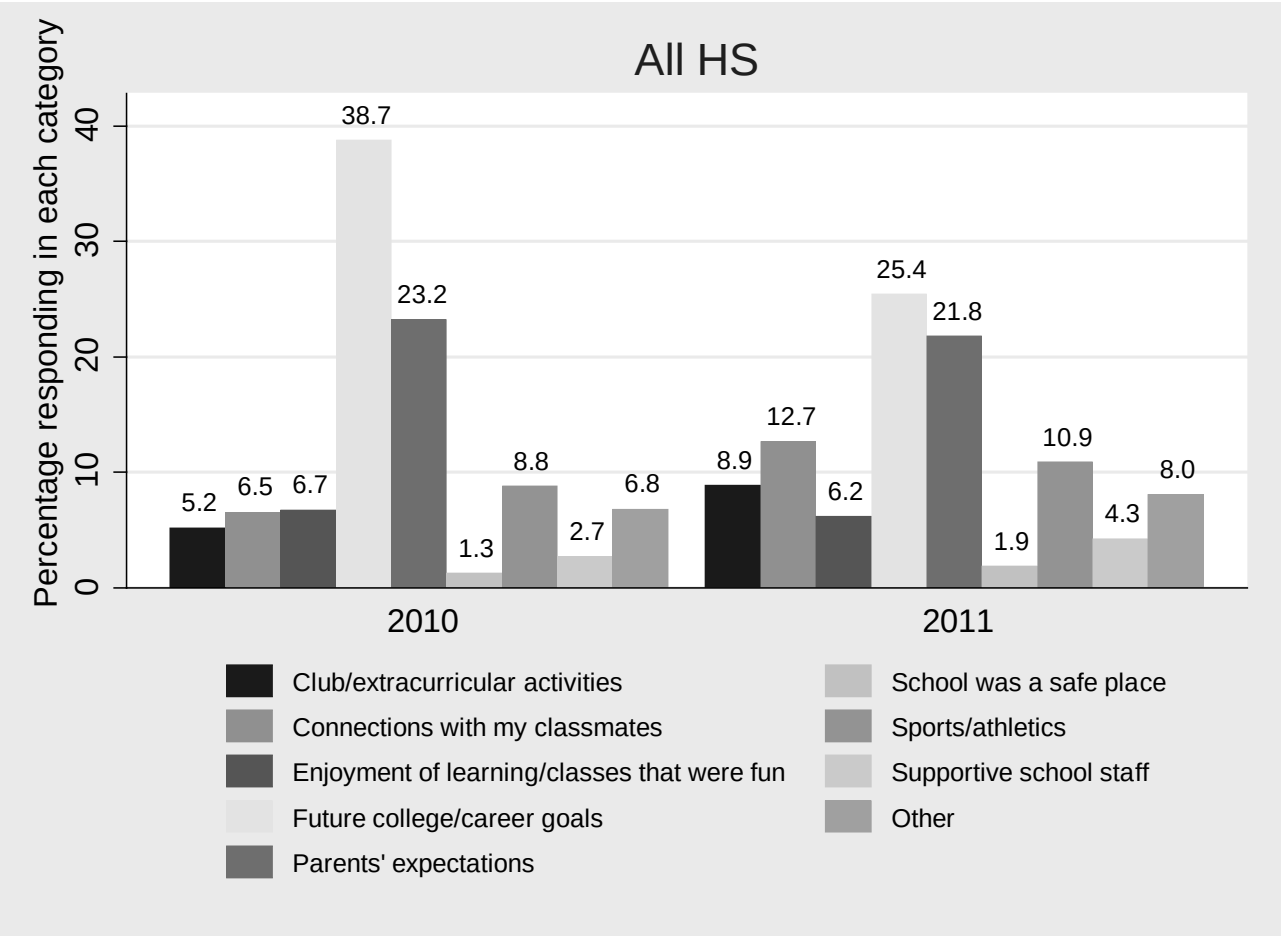
Figure 8b. What Is the ***One*** Thing That Was Most Important to Keeping You Going Through School All the Way to Graduation? (Item 47, All High Schools)