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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 Anderson High School Class of 2008. Where available, longitudinal data and current year average results from all AISD high schools are presented alongside Anderson results for comparison purposes. In total, 3,192 students in the Class of 2008 completed the survey, including 348 students from Anderson. 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

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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	Anderson HS
Yes	26.6%	30.8%
No	30.1%	38.5%
Not Sure	43.2%	30.8%

Note. This item was new to the Exit Survey 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)

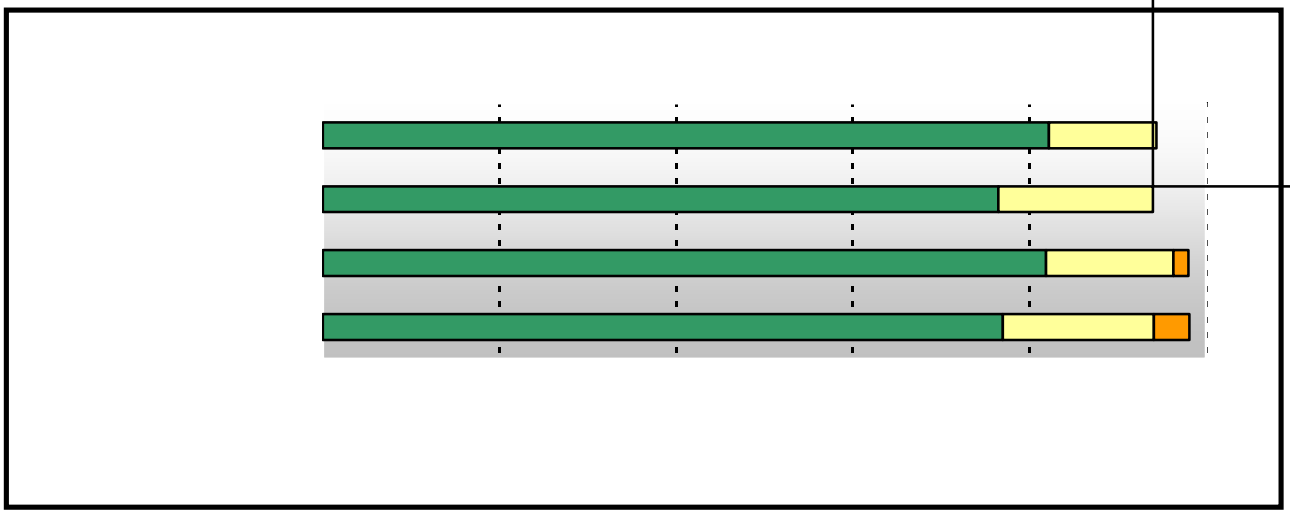

Table 7. Will You Be The First Person in Your Immediate Family to Attend College? (Item 13)

	All HS		Anderson HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
"Yes"	29.1%	30.0%	12.0%	10.7%

Table 8. How Far Did Your Parents Go in School? Indicate Your Mother and Father's Highest Level of Education. (Item 15)

	2007-2008			
	All HS		Anderson HS	
Education Level	**Mother**	**Father**	**Mother**	**Father**
Did not finish high school	18.6%	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Graduated from high school or earned a GED	17.4%	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Attended a 2-yr community/junior college or vocational/technical school, but no degree	8.6%	6.5%	6.6%	4.6%
Graduated from a 2-yr community/junior college or vocational/technical school	5.4%	3.9%	5.8%	5.2%
Attended a 4-yr college, but did not complete a degree	6.5%	7.0%	7.2%	10.1%
Graduated from college	21.6%	19.2%	38.2%	32.2%
Completed a Master's degree or equivalent	12.1%	12.5%	18.2%	20.0%
Completed a Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced professional degree	3.8%	6.4%	6.1%	11.9%
Don't Know or Does Not Apply				

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

	All HS		Anderson HS	
# of schools	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
1	76.1%	77.5%	77.9%	82.2%
2	16.8%	16.8%	11.7%	12.9%
3 or more	7.2%	5.6%	6.5%	4.9%

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2007-2008	
All HS	Anderson HS
24.4%	23.8%
28.2%	25.9%
26.2%	25.0%
13.7%	1

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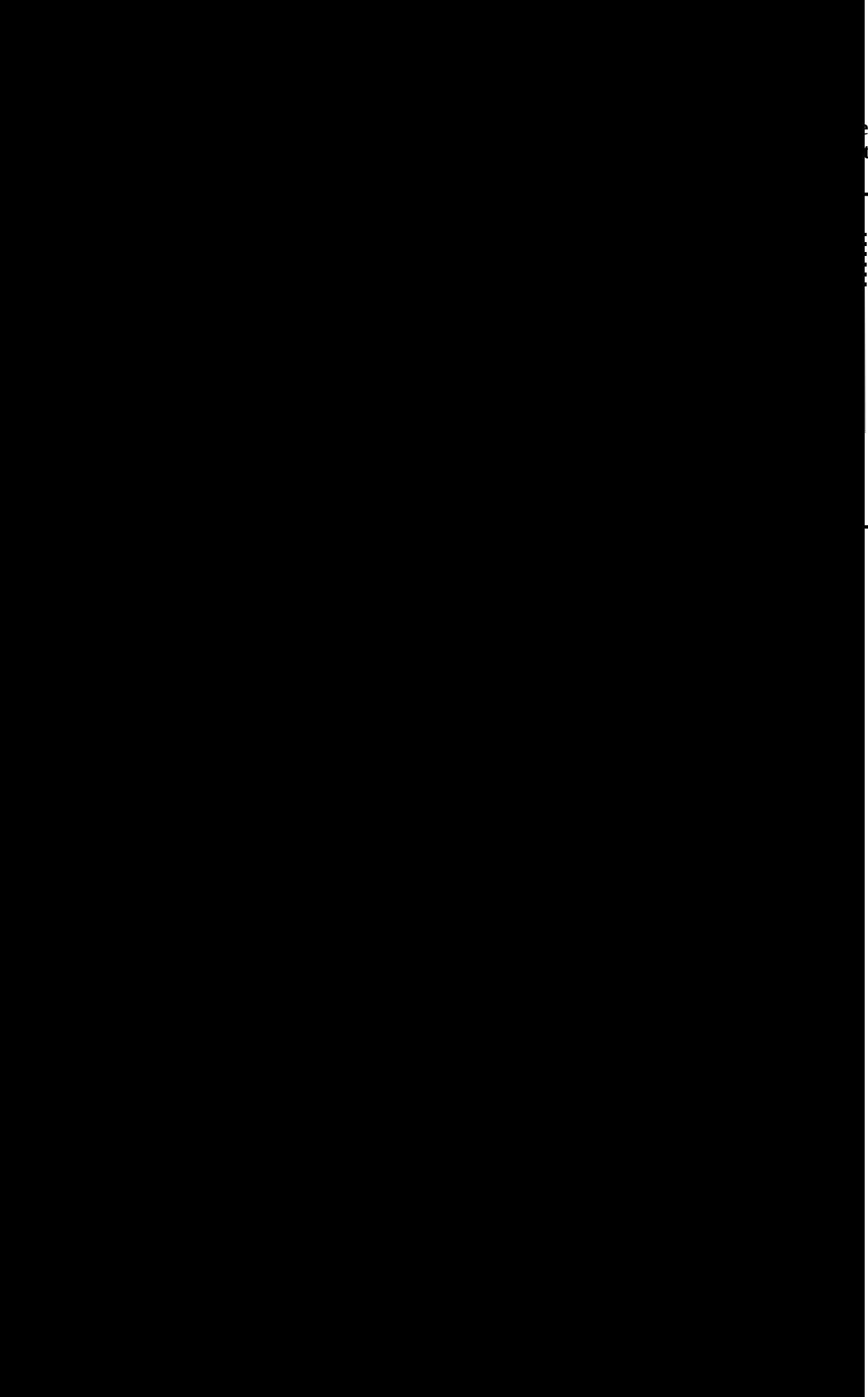

Table 12. Please Mark the Item That Best Indicates How You Feel: (Item 25a-k)

School climate	2007-2008 All HS Seniors	2007-2008 Anderson HS Grade 9-11	2007-2008 Anderson HS Seniors
I feel safe at my school	3.4	3.2	3.5
My classmates show respect to each other	2.9	2.9	2.9
The consequences for breaking school rules are the same for everyone	2.7	2.8	2.7
Adults at this school listen to student ideas and opinions	2.8	2.7	2.8
There is at least one adult at my school who I can go to if I have a problem	3.3	3.0	3.2
My teachers are fair to everyone	2.9	2.7	2.9
Academic climate			
My homework helps me learn things I need to know.	2.9	2.8	3.0
I know how I am doing in school	3.4	3.1	3.2

Table 16. How Frequently Do You Use a Computer… (Item 28)

Use	Once a Week or More 2007-2008 All HS	Once a Week or More 2007-2008 Anderson HS
At home?	86.7%	94.1%
At school?	74.0%	77.4%
To present material in class, for example, using PowerPoint?	23.5%	17.9%
To type a paper or class assignment?	55.4%	57.9%
To search the Internet to complete class-related assignments?	61.6%	62.6%
To research college/career choices?	50.6%	51.0%
To complete online forms or applications for college/employment?	44.0%	44.6%
To communicate with teachers (e.g., email, IM, etc.)?	20.8%	22.1%
To communicate with friends (e.g., email, IM, blog, Facebook, etc.)?	74.8%	86.8%
To participate in online communities (Facebook, blogs, discussion boards, etc.)?	56.9%	77.1%

Note. Responses include: Never, Less than Once a Week, Once or Twice a Week, Every Day or Almost Every Day. Previous reports indicated item means; percentages represent the number of students reporting At Least Once a Week or More.

Table 17. Indicate How Much You Agree With Each of the Following Statements About Technology Use at School (Item 29)

Use	Agree or Strongly Agree 2007-2008 All HS	Agree or Strongly Agree 2007-2008 Anderson HS
My teachers effectively use the technology resources that are available.	85.7%	80.2%
I would like to use more electronic communication with my classmates as part of my schoolwork.	79.9%	81.7%
I would like to use more electronic communication with my teachers.	73.2%	72.4%
I would like to use more online resources.	82.1%	77.9%

Note: Responses include: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly Disagree and Don't Know/Unsure; Percentages are of the number of students who said Agree or Strongly Agree.

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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		Anderson HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
As long as I can remember	39.1%	40.5%	51.9%	59.3%
In elementary school	*	8.5%	10.9%	7.7%
In middle/junior high school	21.0%	21.8%	15.9%	17.4%
In high school	25.3%	26.8%	20.3%	13.9%
I've never thought about college as an option after high school	2.5%	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%

* 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	Anderson HS
How well prepared were you to plan your high school course selections?	91.2%	89.9%
How well prepared were you to meet your college and career goals?	88.4%	92.9%
How well prepared are/were you for the college/technical/vocational school application process?	83.4%	84.2%
How well informed are/were you about obtaining financial aid for education after high school (whether or not you applied)?	81.6%	72.0%
I received extra help early in the school year so I could graduate on time (percent responding "yes")	23.4%	11.9%

Note. Response options include: Not well, Somewhat well, and Very well. Previous surveys reported item means; in 2008, percentages reflect the number of students who responded Somewhat well or Very well.

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

Preparation	All HS		Anderson HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Took the PSAT examination	57.9%	68.0%	68.2%	78.4%
Took AP/IB classes	45.3%	48.6%	54.6%	64.1%
Visited campuses	44.0%	51.8%	51.1%	54.9%
Attended college fairs	44.4%	48.6%	31.8%	39.7%
Completed and submitted a FAFSA	41.3%	49.3%	42.7%	48.0%
Completed and submitted a scholarship application	30.8%	41.5%	34.0%	48.0%
Took college entrance tests	65.6%	72.4%	75.4%	84.5%
Took test prep class	38.2%	41.7%	39.0%	45.1%

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 Anderson HS
They encouraged me to attend school regularly	35.3%	18.4%
They helped me choose the HS courses to prepare for college	31.8%	17.7%
They explained the financial aid process to me	37.9%	19.2%
They were available to help with school-related issues	29.1%	14.9%
They helped me deal with personal issues	18.7%	7.8%
They helped me believe that college was right for me	33.4%	12.8%
They helped me apply to college	47.3%	24.8%
Other	8.6%	7.1%

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)

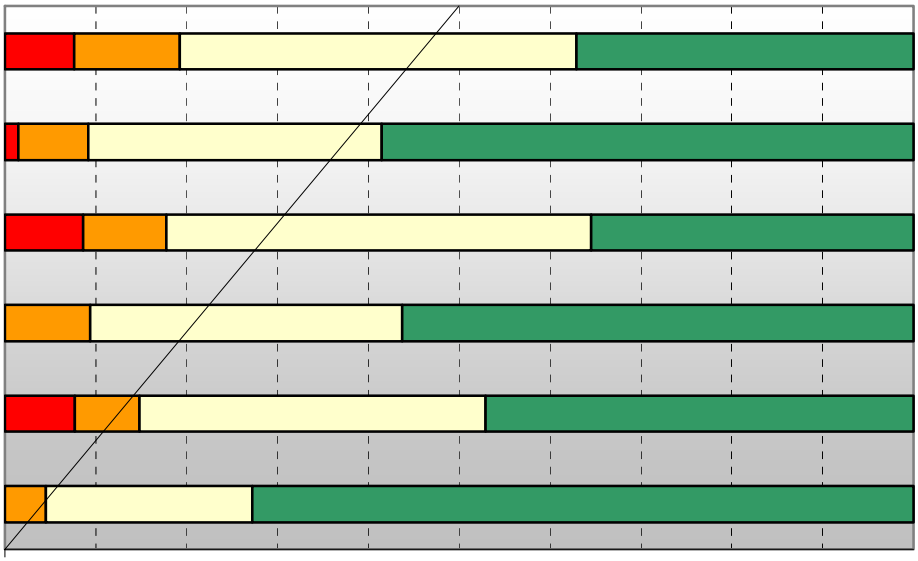

Figure 9. How Helpful Was Your School Counselor in the Following Types of Meetings? (Item 41)

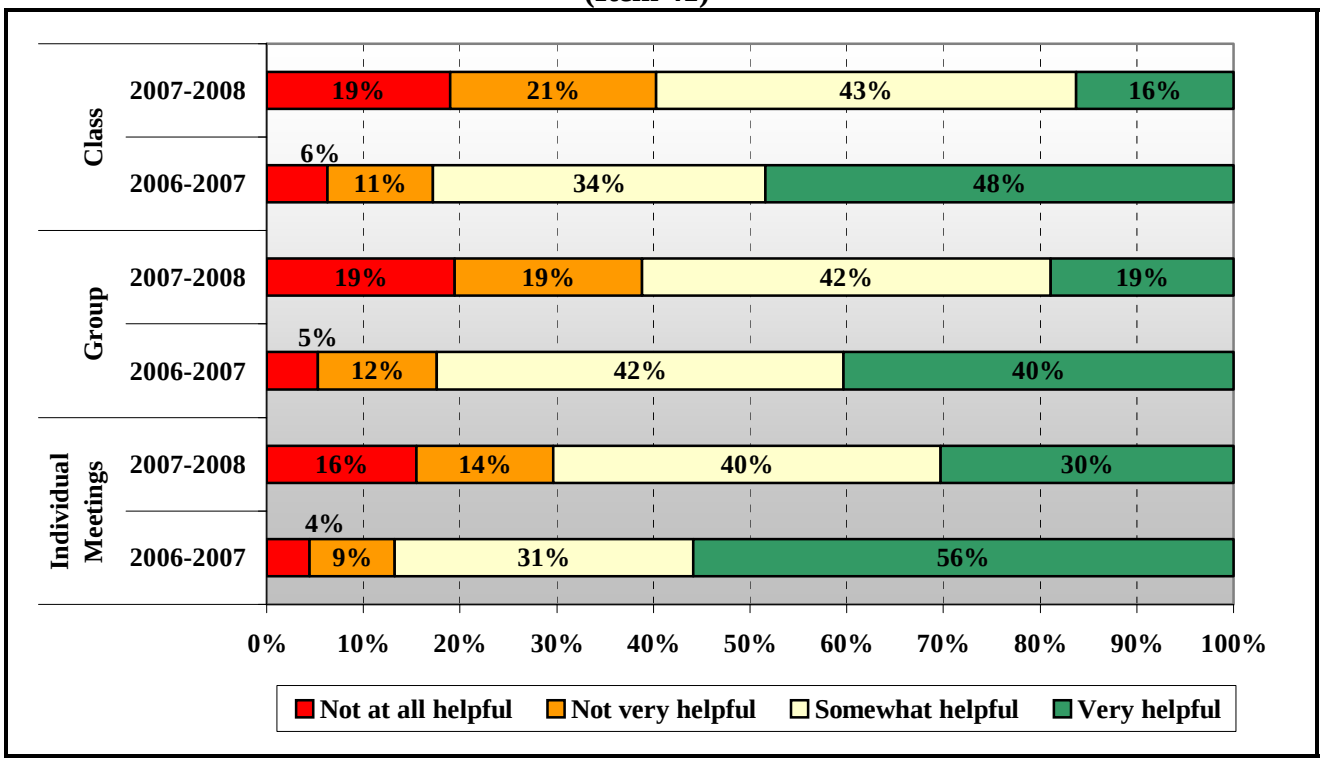

Table 23. For Which of the Following Issues Did You Meet With a Scho (Item 42)

Issue	200 All HS
Scheduling	77.5%
Course selection & placement	58.4%
Graduation plans	53.2%
4 year plan	26.4%
Graduation credit verification	37.4%
Testing interpretation	17.0%
Career information	18.5%
College information/applications	38.8%
Writing resumes/ job applications	11.2%
Financial aid information/ applications	21.3%
Scholarship information/applications	24.1%
Writing college essays	11.5%
Conflict resolution	12.2%

Table 25. How Easy Has It Been for You and Your Parents to Understand the Process of Financial Aid? (Item 44)

Degree of ease	2007-2008	
	All HS	Anderson HS
Very Easy	17.0%	15.5%
Easy	21.2%	24.8%
Somewhat Easy, Somewhat Difficult	36.2%	31.3%
Difficult	7.9%	6.2%
Very Difficult	3.9%	5.0%
Did Not Apply for Financial Aid	13.9%	17.3%

Note. This item changed from previous year surveys, which asked, "How easy has it been to understand the process of financial aid (whether or not you applied)?"

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

Means of payment	2007-08	
	All HS	Anderson HS
Financial aid	57.1%	45.1%
Scholarships	48.9%	39.9%
Personal savings	36.0%	35.3%
Family savings	45.8%	62.4%
Family members will take loans	13.5%	17.0%
I will take loans	28.0%	25.3%
Grants	26.7%	20.7%
Working during the school year	42.3%	35.6%
Working during summer	45.4%	39.1%
Work-study programs on campus	19.0%	10.6%