HIGH SCHOOL EXIT SURVEY REPORT FOR CLASS OF 2011, ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL

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. Each campus,

INDIVIDUAL ITEM RESPONSES FOR A

Table 3. If You Are Not Planning to Pursue Further Education at This Time, What Are Your Primary Reasons? (Item 9)

	Anderson			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
Cannot afford to attend school	46.2%	62.5%	21.7%	21.7%
Childcare or family responsibilities	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	11.4%
Don't like attending school	7.7%	25.0%	8.7%	18.0%
Grades/test scores aren't high enough	46.2%	25.0%	21.7%	14.3%
Don't feel academically prepared	15.4%	25.0%	13.0%	15.4%
[redacted]rs	38.5%	37.5%	26.1%	21.7%
My goals don't require additional education	.	12.5%	17.4%	18.8%
Other	7.7%	0.0%	34.8%	25.4%

Note. Respondents could select more than one option, so percentages may not total 100%. Missing values, denoted by a period, indicate the item was not included on the respective year's survey.

Table 4a. To What Extent Were Your Parents Involved in the Following School-related Activities? (Item 10)

	Anderson			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
Volunteering at your school	36.2%	40.5%	34.9%	29.0%
Working with you on homework or school projects	46.0%	51.3%	46.1%	42.9%
Helping you decide what classes to take	57.8%	61.5%	54.5%	48.4%
Attending school meetings	55.6%	61.1%	55.1%	43.9%

Table 5. How Far Did Your Mother, Father, and Older Sibling Go in School? Indicate Their Highest Level of Education. (Item 11)

	Anderson			All HS		
	Mother	Father	Sibling	Mother	Father	Siblings
Did not finish high school	7.0%	8.4%	2.7%	21.5%	23.3%	7.6%
Graduated from high school or earned a GED	11.6%	11.9%	9.0%	16.0%	15.3%	11.2%
Currently attending a 2-year college or technical school	1.1%	0.9%	9.6%	1.8%	1.1%	8.8%
Currently attending a 4-year college	0.7%	0.7%	27.5%	0.7%	0.6%	18.6%
Attended a 2-yr community/junior college or vocational/technical school, but no degree	3.7%	2.6%	4.2%	5.7%	3.4%	6.3%
Graduated from a 2-yr community/junior college or vocational/technical school	2.8%	3.3%	0.3%	3.5%	2.8%	2.7%
Attended a 4-yr college, but did not complete a degree	5.7%	4.4%	3.6%	5.7%	5.8%	3.1%
Graduated from college	34.1%	30.4%	12.6%	20.9%	18.3%	11.1%
Completed a Master's degree or equivalent	21.0%	18.9%	3.3%	10.9%	11.4%	2.6%
Completed a Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced professional degree	7.0%	11.7%	2.7%	4.3%	6.5%	2.0%
Don't know or does not apply	5.3%	6.8%	24.6%	9.0%	11.4%	26.1%

Note. In 2010, “older” was added to describe on which sibling to report. If students had more than one older sibling, they were instructed to provide answers for the one with the highest level of education. If they had no older siblings, they were instructed to select Does not apply

HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES AND CAMPUS CLIMATE

Table 6. Including Your Current School, How Many Different High Schools Have You Attended? (Item 7)

	Anderson			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
1	78.7%	82.9%	82.4%	74.1%

Table 7b. Please Indicate the Number of Years of High School in Which You Participated in Each of These Extracurricular Activities. (Items 12 and 14)

	Anderson					All HS				
	Did not participate	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	Did not participate	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years
Music	69.4%	10.4%	5.3%	4.2%	10.7%	65.8%	11.5%	6.0%	4.0%	12.8%
Theater	82.6%	10.4%	3.1%	1.9%	2.1%	80.0%	11.8%	3.9%	1.8%	2.5%
Dance	77.9%	5.5%	6.7%	4.3%	5.7%	77.4%	8.4%	6.5%	3.4%	4.2%
Sports	34.5%	8.6%								

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

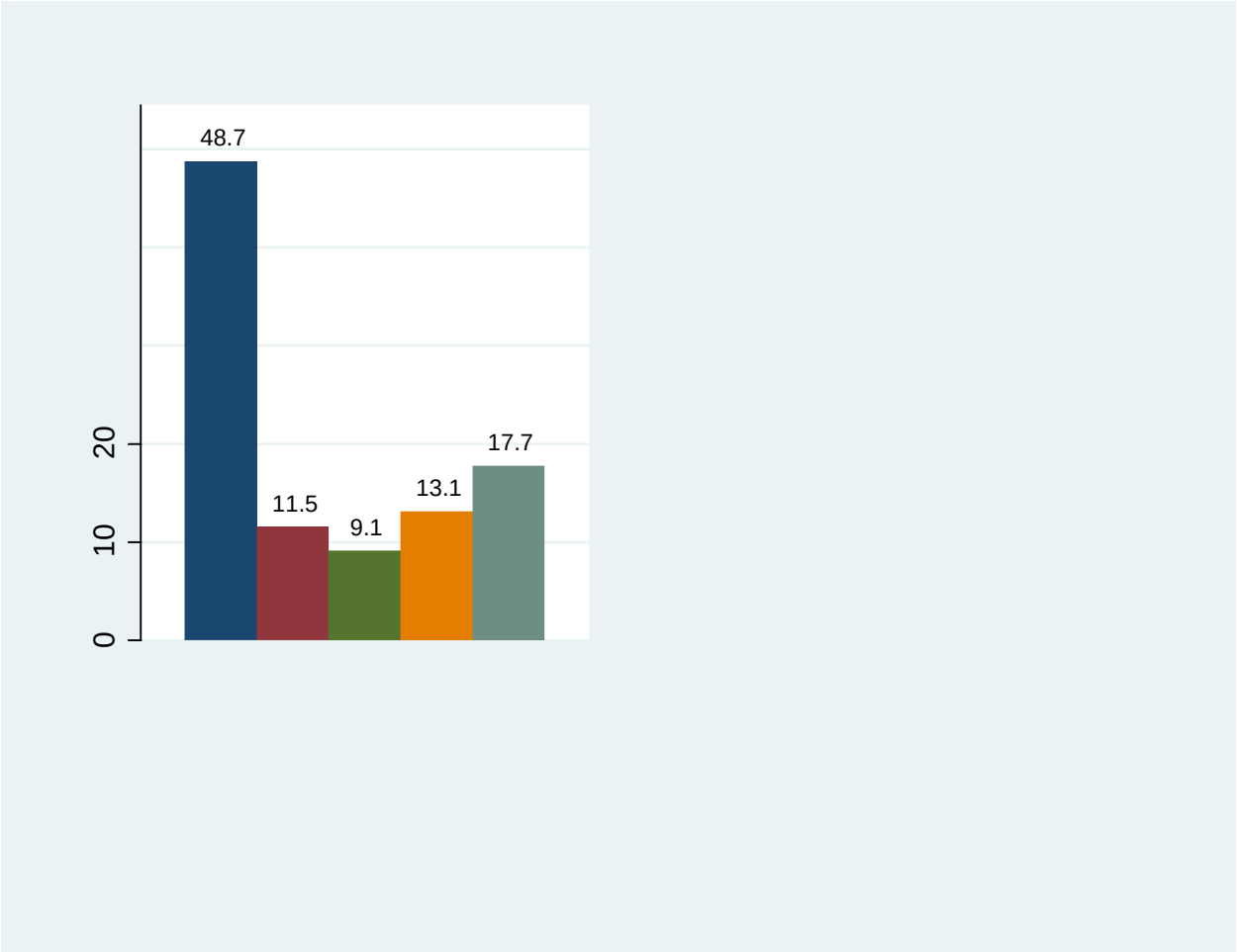

Table 9a. Mark the Answer That Best Indicates How You Feel (Item 18)

	Anderson		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
I can do even the hardest schoolwork if I try	94.6%	92.6%	91.8%	91.6%
I enjoy doing my schoolwork	56.0%	50.4%	58.6%	59.9%
I feel/felt well prepared for TAKS	94.6%	92.6%	89.3%	90.7%
I try hard to do my best work	87.4%	85.7%	89.5%	90.7%
I feel successful in my schoolwork	91.2%	88.3%	90.3%	89.6%
I can reach the goals I set for myself	96.1%	92.1%	95.4%	94.7%
My homework helps me learn things I need to know	75.4%	74.9%	75.9%	76.2%
I know how I'm doing in school	90.7%	91.9%	92.2%	92.3%
My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways	63.4%	61.5%	68.4%	69.2%
I have fun learning in my classes	77.3%	71.4%	76.5%	75.9%
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INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

	Anderson			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
Teamwork	84.3%	89.1%	86.5%	90.6%
Creative thinking	85.8%	90.8%	88.8%	90.6%
Problem solving	87.6%	93.0%	92.9%	92.4%
Conflict resolution	77.1%	82.7%	82.8%	84.2%
Personal health/fitness	74.9%	80.8%	79.6%	82.9%
Time management	75.4%	85.2%	78.9%	83.0%
Technology	77.6%	80.7%	81.3%	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)

	Anderson			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
English Language Arts	78.1%	87.0%	75.5%	82.3%
Mathematics				

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

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

	Anderson				All HS			
	Never	Less than once a week	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	Never	Less than once a week	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day

Table 14a. How Frequently Do You Log onto Nav nce / Far owi Activities? (m 25)

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	10	20
College search	.5%	20.
Resume building	0%	9.5
Career exploration	0%	13.
College visit sign up	0%	13.
Class rank and GPA inquiry	.1%	17.
Counselor directed activities, such as personality questionnaires	1%	9.8
Other	2%	14.

* Response options were Never, Less than once a week, ce or twi ry da

Table 14b. How Frequently Do You Log onto Nav nce / Far owi Activities? (m 25)

	Anderson						
	Never	Less than once a week	Once or twice wee	Every day or almost every day			E da al e
College search	36.1%	48.6%	13.8	1.5%			3
Resume building	48.4%	40.8%	10.2	0.6%			1
Career exploration	48.5%	41.5%	8.3%	1.7%			2
College visit sign up	38.5%	48.9%	11.0	1.5%			2.2%
Class rank and GPA inquiry	31.5%	51.6%	14.3	2.6%		43.0% 14.5%	3.4%
Counselor directed activities, such as personality or career questionnaires	50.4%	41.1%	6.9%				

POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION AND ADVISING

Table 15. At What Time in Your Life Did You Start Thinking about College as a Possibility After High School? (Item 27)

	Anderson			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
As long ago as I can remember	51.8%	54.1%	50.5%	36.9%
In elementary school	8.0%	9.0%	7.1%	9.1%
In middle/junior high school	16.1%	15.8%	16.8%	21.0%
In high school	23.6%	20.6%	23.8%	30.7%
I've never thought about college as an option after high school	0.5%	0.5%	1.7%	2.2%

Table 16a. High School Preparation for Post-Graduation Opportunities (Item 28)

	Anderson			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
How well prepared were you to plan your high school course selections?	90.4%	93.5%	89.8%	90.6%
How well prepared were you to meet your college and career goals?	87.1%	92.5%	87.4%	85.4%
How well prepared have you been for the college/technical/vocational school application process?	79.7%	86.9%	82.2%	81.3%
How well informed are/were you about obtaining financial aid for education after high school (whether or not you applied)?	69.0%	77.5%	82.3%	84.2%

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

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

	Anderson	All HS

Table 18. How Did You Prepare for Continuing Education? (Item 30)

	Anderson		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Took Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes	61.5%	59.7%	47.5%	53.0%
Visited college campuses	66.6%	65.7%	55.1%	56.6%
Attended college fairs	47.8%	51.1%	51.1%	47.1%
Met with counselor or Project Advance staff to discuss college plans and processes	.	48.0%	.	52.0%
Met with a college representative/recruiter at my high school	.	42.7%	.	44.7%
Completed and submitted a FAFSA	55.1%	49.8%	51.9%	56.7%
Completed and submitted a scholarship application	50.0%	47.6%	41.4%	44.3%
Took college entrance tests	77.8%	76.5%	68.2%	69.5%
Took test prep classes	49.5%	50.2%	39.6%	47.3%
Completed or are enrolled in ACC courses	38.0%	43.1%	34.6%	38.3%
Ordered and submitted transcripts	62.2%	65.7%	47.7%	54.2%
Senior ACC application process	40.2%	34.3%	39.7%	40.2%
Other college-level courses	7.8%	7.3%	6.3%	8.2%
None of the above	5.6%	7.1%	10.8%	8.2%

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 based on the number of respondents completing this particular question and are consistent with the way all questions on the survey are analyzed. Respondents could select more than one option, so percentages may not total 100%. Missing values, denoted by a period, indicate the item was not included on the respective year's survey.

Table 19a. Have You Applied to the Following Types of Postsecondary Institutions? (Items 31, 32, and 33)

	Anderson		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Have you applied to a 2-year college	40.5%	48.2%	57.2%	61.7%
Have you applied to a 4-year college?	81.3%	80.5%	69.1%	71.5%
Have you applied to a business/technical/vocational school?	8.0%	11.4%	14.5%	12.2%

Table 19b. To How Many Postsecondary Institutions Have You ? (Items 31, 32, and 33)

	Anderson		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
[redacted]	9.0%	8.1%	12.0%	10.9%
1 to 3	41.3%	42.5%	47.2%	47.6%

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

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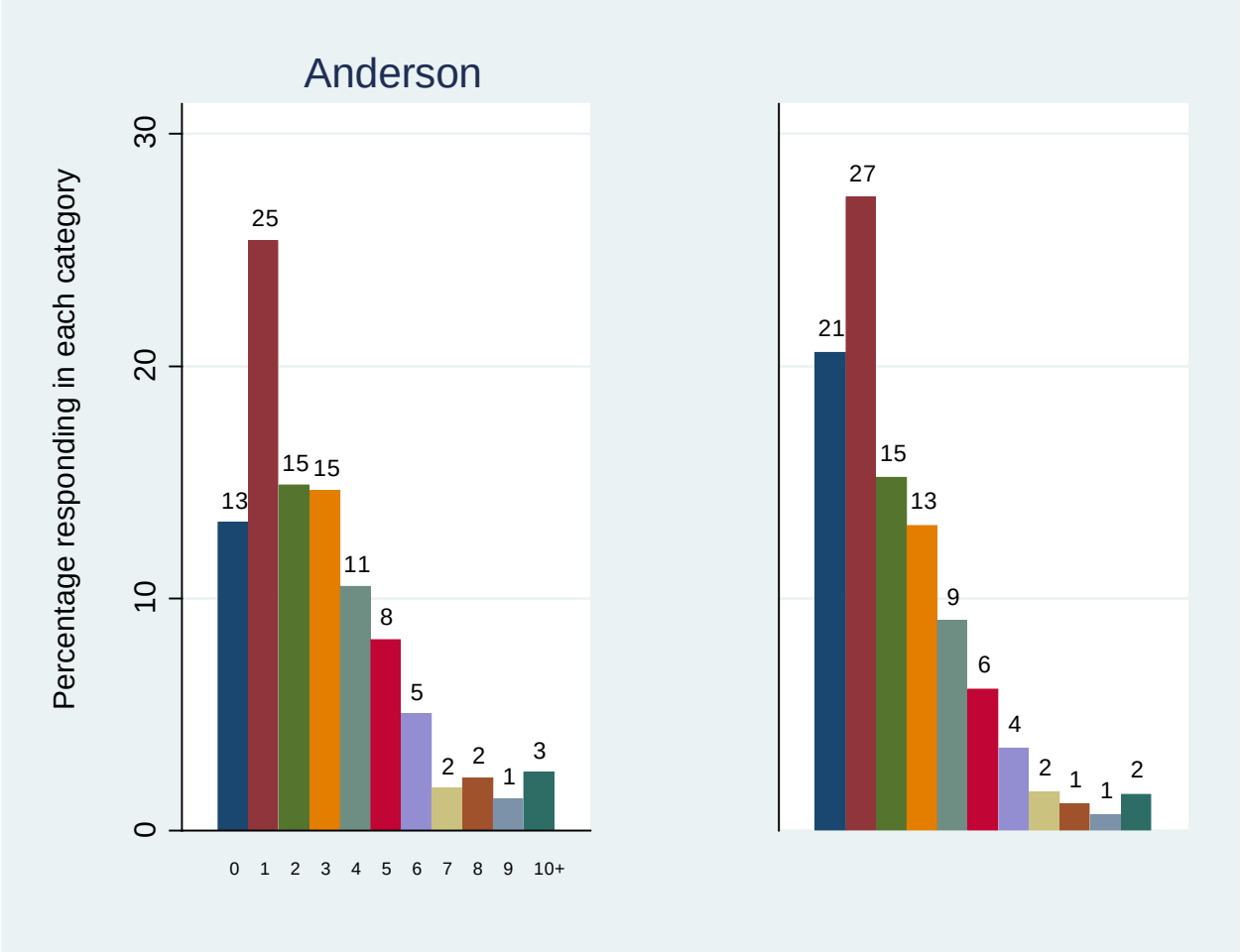

Table 21. Indicate Whether the Following People Helped You With Any of the Activities Listed Below. (Item 37)

	Anderson				All HS			
	Advisory	College and Career Center Advisor	School counselor	Teacher	Advisory	College and Career Center Advisor	School counselor	Teacher
Helped select courses for work or school								

Table 22. In Which of These Programs Did You Participate? (Item 38)

	Anderson		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)	4.8%	5.8%	8.5%	7.4%
ACC Early College Start/Dual credit	.	44.9%	.	35.5%
ACC College Connections	19.9%	16.0%	20.0%	19.4%
Immigrant College Access	0.6%	1.3%	2.7%	3.4%
None of the above	58.1%	43.3%	54.4%	48.9%

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

	Anderson 2011	All HS 2011

Table 27. How Easy Has It Been for You and Your Parents to Understand the Process of Applying for Financial Aid? (Item 43)

	Anderson			All HS
	2009	2010	2011	2011
Difficult	12.1%	12.2%	10.3%	11.8%
Some parts easy, some parts difficult	44.1%	45.1%	46.1%	46.6%
Easy	21.4%	25.9%	26.1%	24.9%
Did not apply for financial aid	22.4%	16.7%	17.5%	16.7%

Table 28. How Do You Plan to Pay for Your Education After High School? (Item 44)

	Anderson		All HS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Scholarships and/or grants	58.1%	59.5%	60.5%	65.0%
Loans		45.7%		

Table 30. Without Including Any Financial Aid (Loans, Grants, or Scholarships), Do These Estimates Sound Right to You? (Item 46)

	Anderson	All HS

ADDITIONAL RESULTS

Figure 8a. What Is the Thing That Was Most Important to Keeping You Going Through School All the Way to Graduation? (Item 47, Anderson)

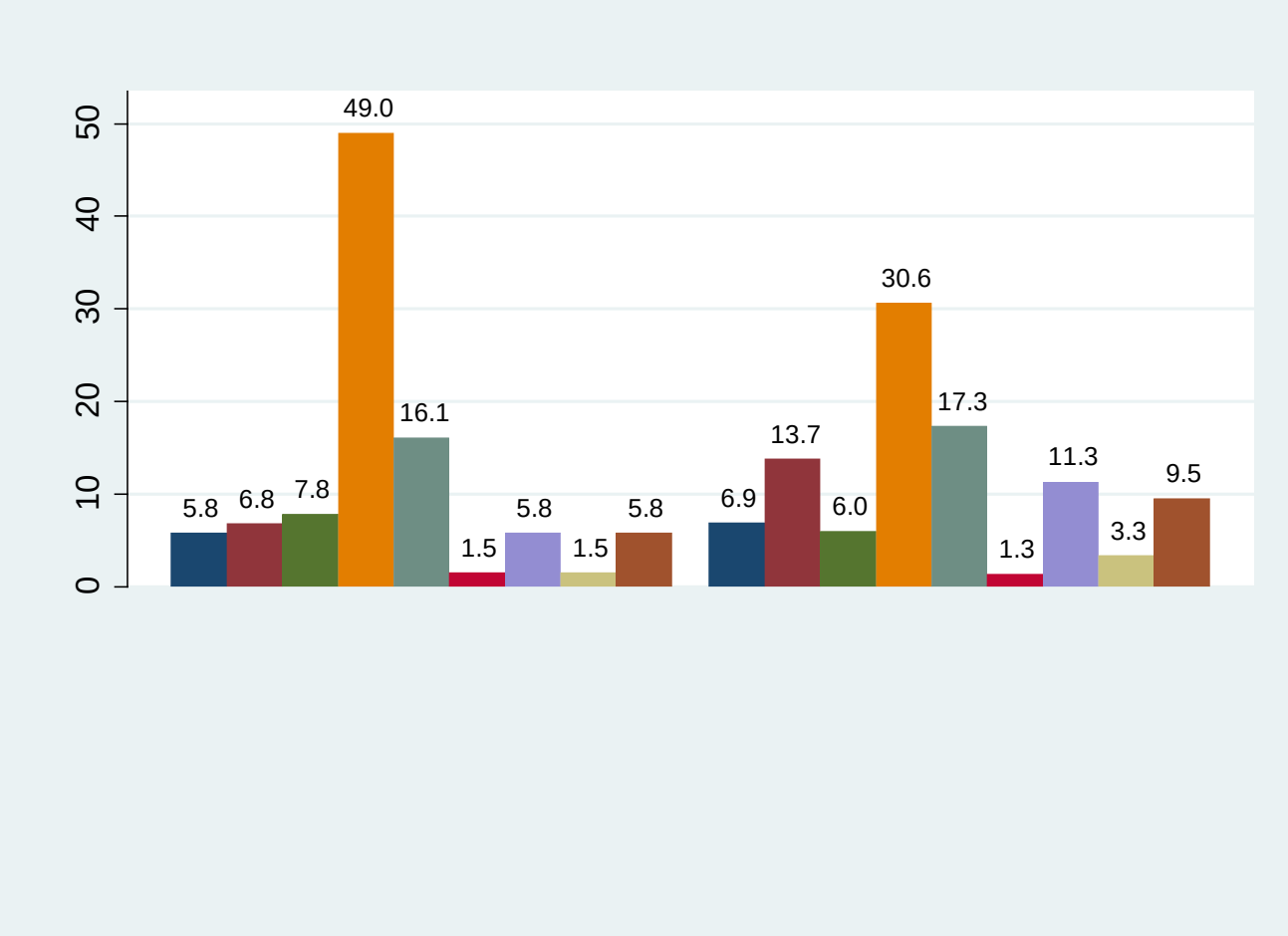

Figure 8b. What Is the Thing That Was Most Important to Keeping You Going Through School