RESULTS OF THE AISD HIGH SCHOOL EXIT SURVEY
CLASS OF 2008

BOWIE 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 Bowie 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 Bowie for comparison purposes. In total, 3,192 students in the Class of 2008 completed the survey, including 568 students from Bowie. 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

	Class of 2006	Class of 2007	Class of 2008
Bowie			.9%
All High Schools			74.8%

Student responses are o Comments; Postsecondary Intenti ampus Climate, and Civic Engagement; I tion and Advising; and Final Thoughts. Some of

- **Compu** ore high speed Internet access at home than di
- **Extr** e seniors received less help in the school year to gra as a whole.
- *A* pared to seniors district-wide, Bowie seniors seemed to *College Connections.*
- is some indication that Bowie seniors were more likely to plan to pay for their education after high school than were AISD seniors as a

on each campus, primarily *Project Advance* counselors, were responsible for ensuring that all graduating were given the opportunity to complete the survey.

rrected response rate is 91.3% (see Appendix in district-level report for detailed information about response rates or 2008). Response rates are based on enrollment during the sixth 6-week reporting period. Due to the enrollment of some special education seniors with severe cognitive disabilities, a 100% uncorrected response rate was not expected.

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

	All HS		Bowie HS	
# of schools	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
1	76.1%	77.5%	81.2%	83.8%
2	16.8%	16.8%	10.1%	12.7%
3 or more	7.2%	5.6%	2.7%	3.5%

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	Bowie HS 2007-2008 Percentage participating 1 or more years
Music	35.2%	38.8%
Theater/Drama	20.4%	20.3%
Dance	23.2%	21.8%
Sports	58.8%	58.7%
UIL Academic Competition		

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**	**Bowie HS**
0 Years	24.4%	15.5%
1 Year	28.2%	29.0%
2 Years	26.2%	34.3%
3 Years	13.7%	15.1%
4 Years	7.5%	6.2%

Note. This item was new in 2008.

Figure 2. Now Indicate the Number of Hours Per Week That You Have Worked During Your Senior Year and Last Summer. (Item 22)

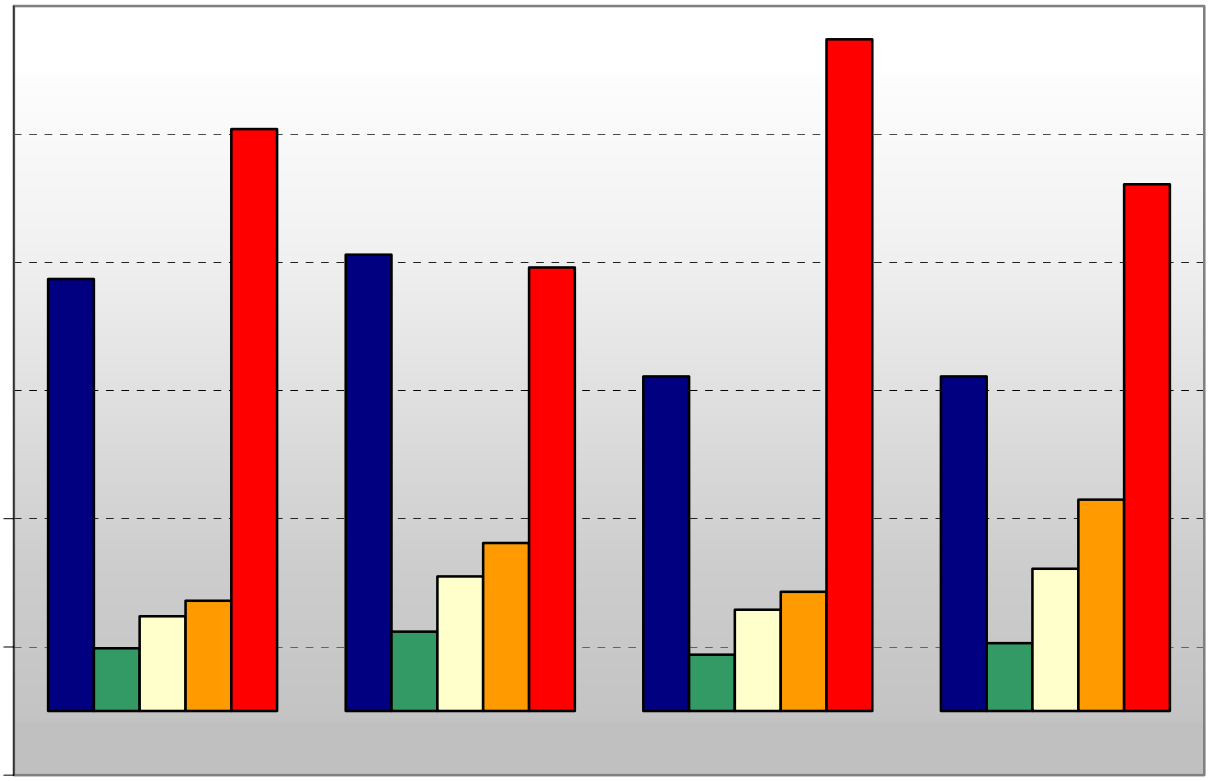


Table 12. Please Mark the Item That Best Indicates How You Feel: (Item 25a-k)

	2007-2008

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

	Somewhat well or Very Well			
	All HS		Bowie HS	
Area	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Teamwork	*	88.6%	*	84.0%
Creative Thinking				

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

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

Preparation	All HS		Bowie HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Took the PSAT examination	57.9%	68.0%	64.7%	78.9%
Took AP/IB classes	45.3%	48.6%	51.6%	53.0%
Visited campuses	44.0%	51.8%	42.4%	55.1%
Attended college fairs	44.4%	48.6%	37.9%	48.9%
Completed and submitted a FAFSA	41.3%	49.3%	34.2%	42.1%
Completed and submitted a scholarship application	30.8%	41.5%	30.0%	42.1%
Took college entrance tests	65.6%	72.4%	72.4%	77.3%
Took test prep class	38.2%	41.7%	33.5%	44.5%
Completed ACC courses	23.3%	29.4%	31.2%	38.2%
Ordered and submitted transcripts	40.3%	50.3%	48.9%	60.2%
Applied to a 2-year college (including ACC)*	49.8%	41.1%	56.1%	38.6%
Applied to a 4-year college*	69.1%	63.9%	75.2%	68.1%
Applied to a business/technical/vocational school*	13.8%	6.5%	9.5%	5.1%

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

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	Bowie HS
They encouraged me to attend school regularly	35.3%	24.6%
They helped me choose the HS courses to prepare for college	31.8%	21.9%
They explained the financial aid process to me	37.9%	24.3%
They were available to help with school-related issues	29.1%	17.2%
They helped me deal with personal issues	18.7%	9.5%
They helped me believe that college was right for me	33.4%	19.2%
They helped me apply to college	47.3%	33.4%
Other	8.6%	5.3%

Note: This item

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

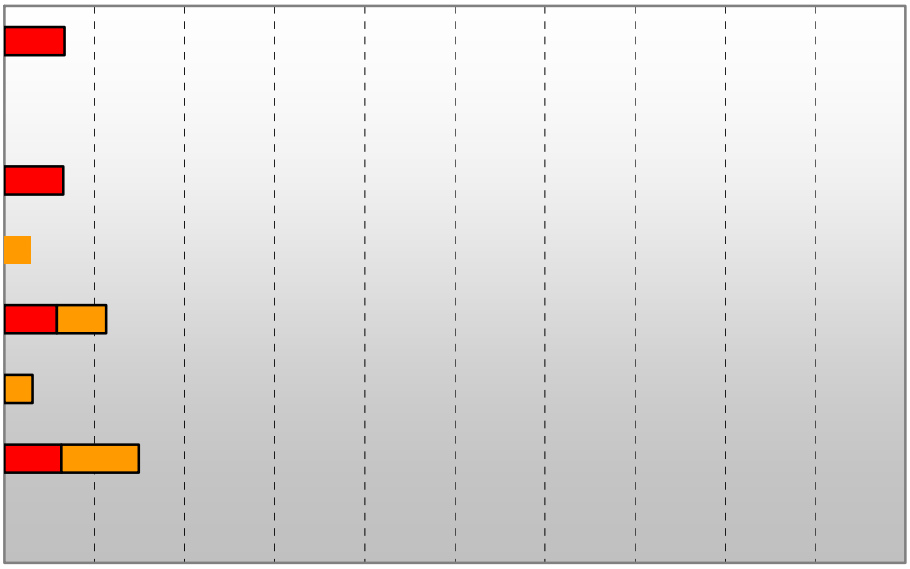
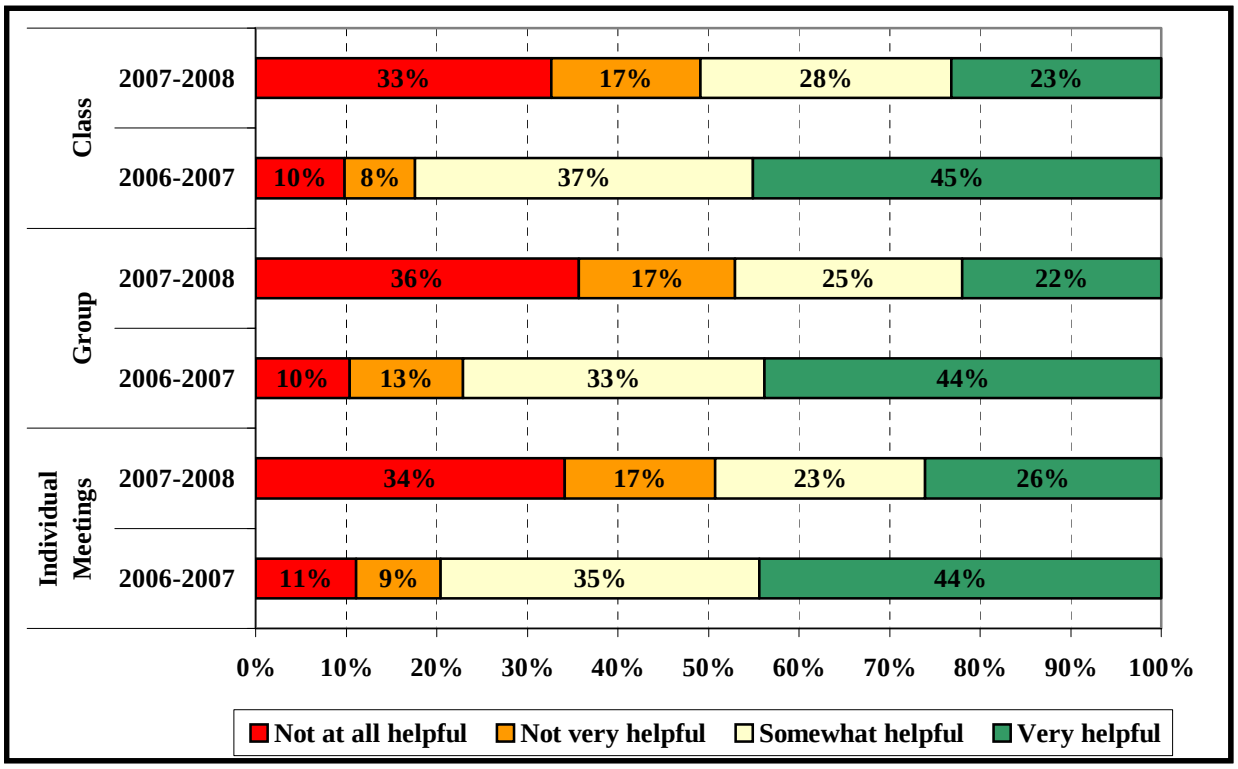


Figure 8. How Helpful Was Your Advocate/Advisory Teacher in the Following Types of Meetings? (Item 40)



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)

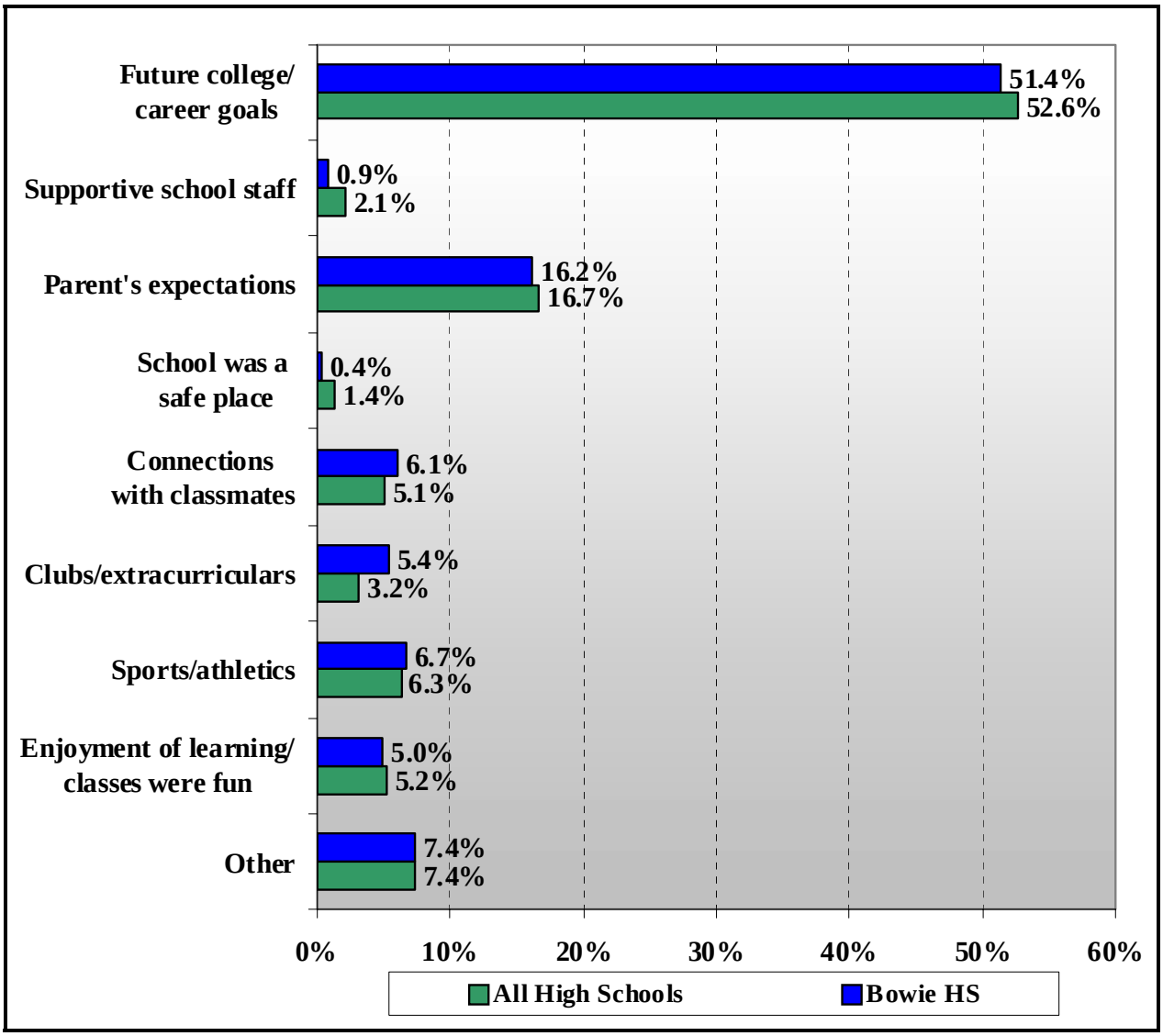
Table 23. For Which of the Following Issues Did You Meet With a School
(Item 42)

Issue	2007- All HS
Scheduling	77.5%
Course selection & placement	58.4%
Graduation plans	53.2%
4 year plan	26.8%
	37.4%

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	Bowie HS
Very Easy	17.0%	15.0%

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



Note. The wording of two response options was changed from previous years' surveys. In 2008, students were asked to rate "Supportive staff" whereas last year they reported on "Supportive teachers;" and the prior option, "Team/club activities" was split into "Clubs/extracurriculars" and Sports/athletics.