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Survey Report

HIGH SCHOOL EXIT SURVEY REPORT FOR CLASS OF 2010, EASTSIDE MEMORIAL - GREEN TECH HIGH SCHOOL

The seventh annual Austin Independent School District (AISD) High School Exit Survey was administered online to seniors in every AISD high school during Spring 2010. Facilitators on each campus, primarily Project ADVANCE counselors, were responsible for ensuring that all graduating seniors were given the opportunity to complete the survey. Funding for this report was provided by district local funds.

This report contains the results for the Green Tech High School Class of 2010. Where [illegible] for statistical si
district-level data only (see district-level report). Table 1 pres
and by district. Next, major findings are presented, followed b

- **Family and home characteristics.** A higher percentage of Green Tech seniors than of seniors district wide indicated parent expectations were the major motivating factor that had kept them attending school. Green Tech parents had a lower level of education than did parents district wide; 46% of fathers and 44% of mothers did not complete high school, compared with 20% of fathers and 19% of mothers district wide who did not complete high school. A lower percentage of Green Tech seniors than of seniors district wide received help from a family member in preparing for college. Also, a lower percentage of Green Tech seniors had access at home to a computer with Internet access, compared with other seniors in the district who had access (62% and 85%, respectively).

OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

At the end of the survey, students were asked for additional comments and "What is the ONE thing that you especially want the administration of AISD to know?" Of the 94 56(id)-38 4i(o)-20(n)20dean ,36
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- **Curriculum and instruction quality.** Students requested more engaging and relevant classes. One student said, "I think AISD has failed in many ways, and should be more open to our teachers' recommendations as far as the curriculum goes. Most kids are not interested in school because the topics presented are not interesting or do not have similar topics related to them."
- **Technology concerns.** Students expressed concern about being over-reliant on technology. For example, a student said, "I dislike the computers, students take advantage of them, I like the old ways (paper and pencils)." Another wrote. "I did not like the computers it kinda got me behind when my computer didn't work." Others expressed disappointment about not being able to keep the laptops they were assigned.

INDIVIDUAL ITEM RESPONSES FOR GREEN TECH HIGH SCHOOL

This section provides item-level data for the high school and the district. Seniors' responses to the multiple-choice questions were organized into seven general topic areas: postsecondary intentions and his secaEN

Table 8. Please Indicate the Number of Years of High School in Which You Participated in Each of These Extracurricular Activities. (Items 14 and 16)

Percentage who reported at least 1 year of participation	**Green Tech 2009**	**Green Tech 2010**	**All HS 2009**	**All HS 2010**
In school				
Music	35.9%	28.1%	33.6%	33.7%
Theater	12.4%	20.5%	18.6%	18.8%
Dance	28.6%	25.3%	22.1%	21.5%
Sports	69.6%	53.9%	57.9%	55.6%
UIL academic competitions	15.7%	9.3%	20.0%	20.0%
Speech/debate	24.2%	20.5%	20.9%	21.0%
Student government				

Table 9. For Each of These Extracurricular Activities, Did You Spend More Than 10 Hours per Week During Your Senior Year on Them? (Items 15 and 17)

****Percentage of seniors indicating they spent more than 10 hours per week on each activity.***	**Green Tech 2010**	**All HS 2010**
Inside school		
Music	6.8%	8.3%
Theater	1.2%	3.2%
Dance	2.3%	4.0%
Sports	15.4%	23.5%
UIL academic competitions	0.0%	2.3%
Speech/debate	2.3%	1.3%
Student government	1.1%	1.1%
Career and technical student organizations		

Figure 2. Now Indicate the Number of Hours per Week That You Worked During Your Senior Year. (Item 19b)

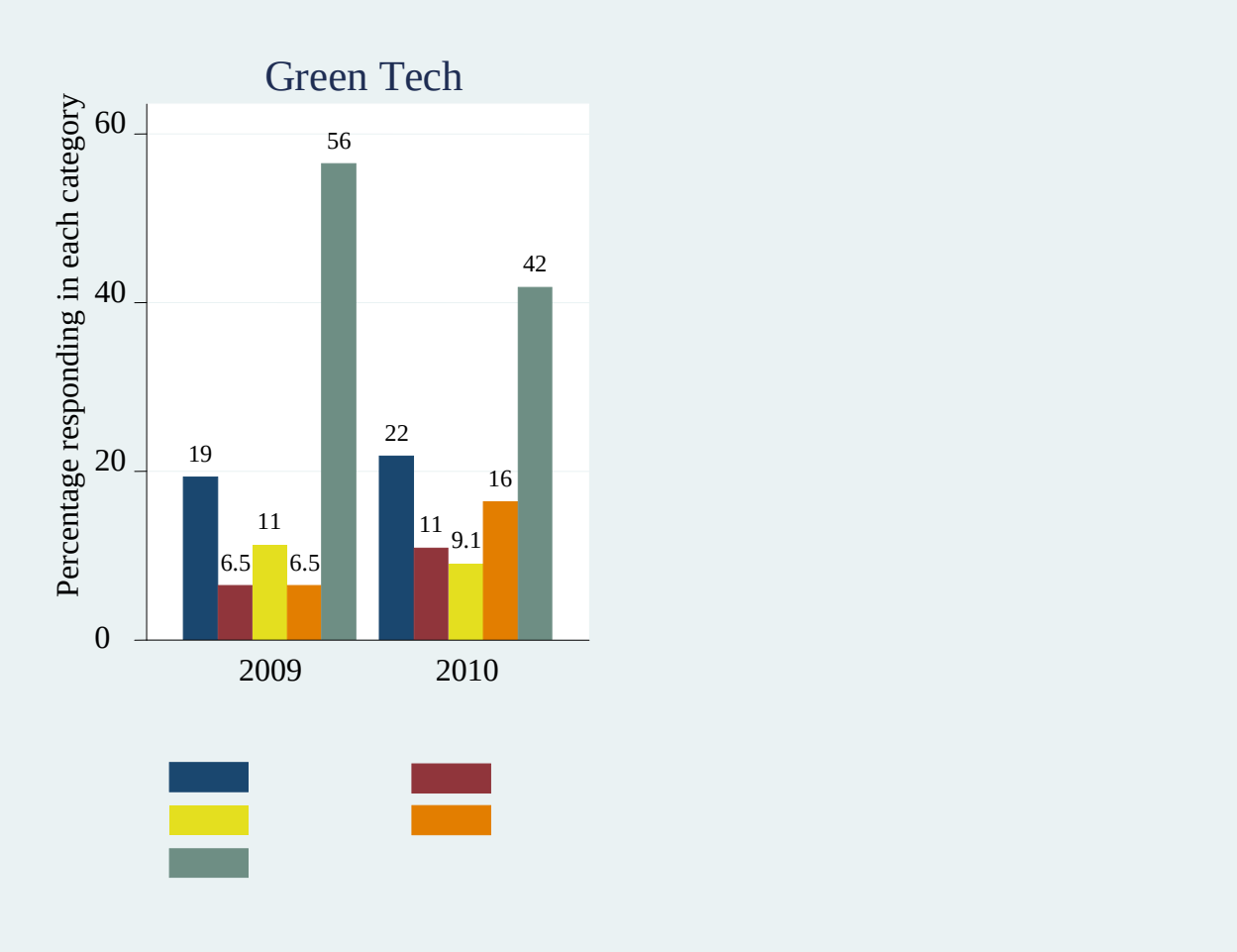
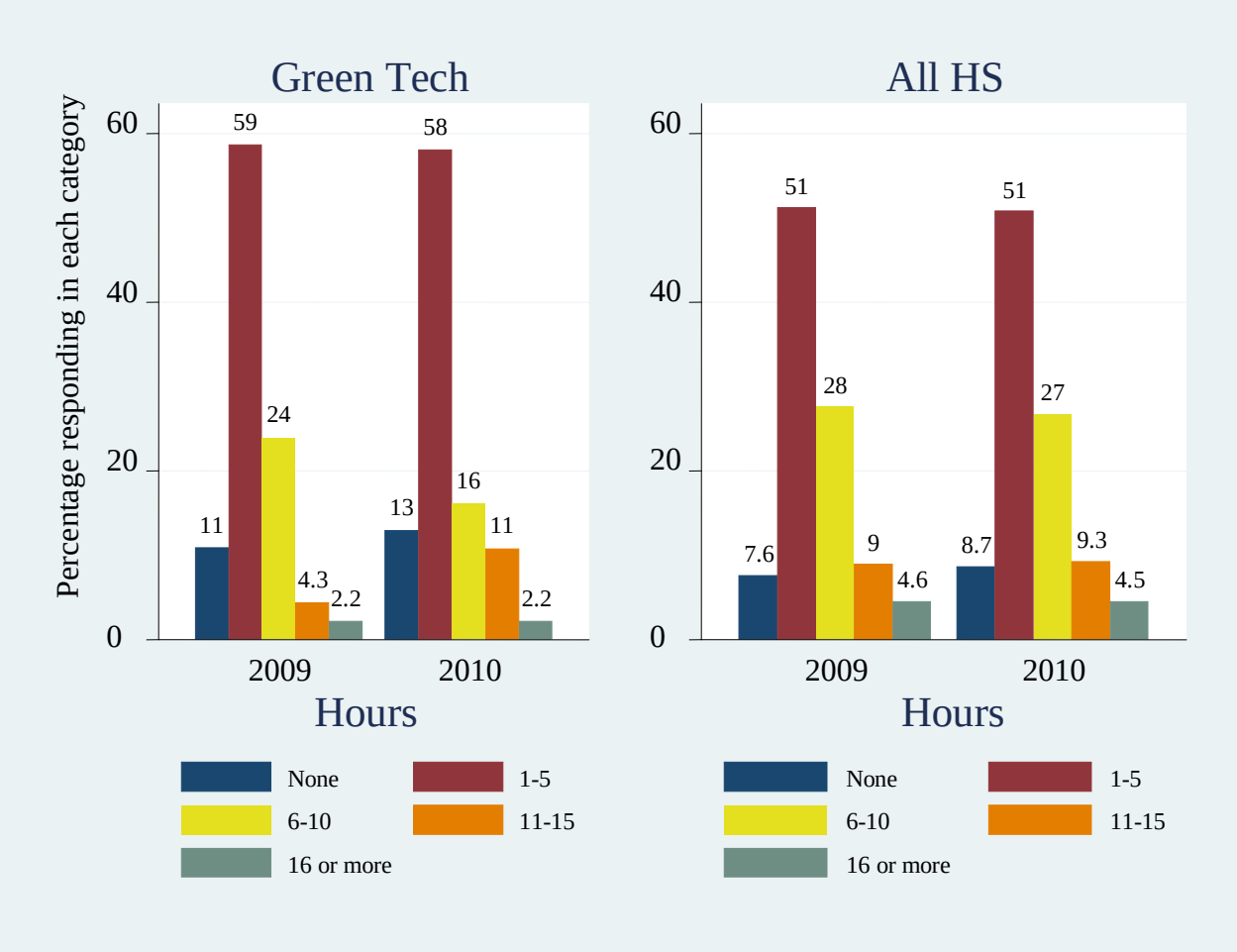


Figure 3. Thinking Back on Your Years in High School, How Many Hours per Week Did You Typically Spend Studying, Doing Research, or Completing Homework Assignments Outside of Class? (Item 20)



INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

Table 13. How Well Did Your High School Help You to Actively Develop Knowledge and Skills in the Following Areas? (Item 22)

**Percentage who responded Somewhat well or Very well*	Green Tech 2008	Green Tech 2009	Green Tech 2010	All HS 2008	All HS 2009	All HS 2010
Teamwork	88.5%	93.5%	90.4%	88.6%	89.7%	89.3%
Creative thinking	95.2%	93.5%	91.3%	90.6%	91.7%	90.0%
Problem solving	92.3%	94.6%	93.5%	91.5%	92.0%	91.8%
Conflict resolution	86.4%	87.1%	88.0%	82.8%	84.1%	83.8%
Personal health/fitness	88.5%	88.0%	91.4%	78.6%	81.0%	81.2%
Time management	88.3%	90.2%	79.6%	80.8%	81.2%	82.7%
Technology	90.4%	84.9%	87.1%	84.6%	84.2%	84.4%

*Responses were *not well*, *somewhat well*, and *very well*.

Table 14. Please Rate the Quality of Instruction That You Feel That You Received in the Following Areas: (Item 23)

**Percentage who responded Good or Excellent*	Green Tech 2008	Green Tech 2009	Green Tech 2010	All HS 2008	All HS 2009	All HS 2010
English Language Arts	71.8%	78.5%	81.5%	81.2%	81.6%	84.5%
Mathematics	60.6%	64.1%	67.4%	70.7%	70.8%	70.3%
Science	68.0%	64.9%	69.8%			

Figure 5. Do Your Parents Use ParentConnect / GradeSpeed to Monitor Your Grades? (Item 27)

Table 15. How Frequently Do You Use a Computer or Other Internet-Capable Devices (For Example, an iPhone) (Item 25)

****Percentage who responded At least once a week or more***	**Green Tech 2008**	**Green Tech 2009**	**Green Tech 2010**	**All HS 2008**	**All HS 2009**	**All HS 2010**
At home?	67.0%					

Table 24. How Easy Has It Been for You and Your Parents to Understand the Process of Applying for Financial Aid? (Item 46)

	Green Tech 2009	Green Tech 2010	All HS 2009	All HS 2010
Difficult	10.2%	14.0%	12.8%	13.9%
Some parts easy, some parts difficult	50.0%	43.0%	43.7%	42.5%
Easy	21.6%	24.4%	22.2%	24.2%
Did not apply for financial aid	18.2%	18.6%	21.4%	19.5%

Table 25. How Do You Plan to Pay for Your Education After High School? (Item 47)

Table 27. If You Did Not Submit a Financial Aid Application, Why Not? (Item 48)

	Green Tech 2010	All HS 2010
I do not need financial aid to attend college	11.5%	20.9%
My parents were not willing to submit private financial information	19.2%	7.7%
My family did not think we would qualify for or were eligible for financial aid	11.5%	22.1%
I do not plan to go to college	26.9%	10.1%
I did not know about the financial aid process	30.8%	39.2%

Table 28. Which of the Following Campus Staff Helped You With Any of the Activities Listed Below? (Item 43)

	Green Tech School counselor	Green Tech Advisory	Green Tech Teacher	Green Tech College and Career Center advisor	Green Tech AVID staff	Green Tech Early College Start advisor	All HS School couni /TT

ADDITIONAL RESULTS

Figure 7a. What Is the *One Thing* That Was Most Important to Keeping You Going Through School All the Way to Graduation? (Item 50, Green Tech)

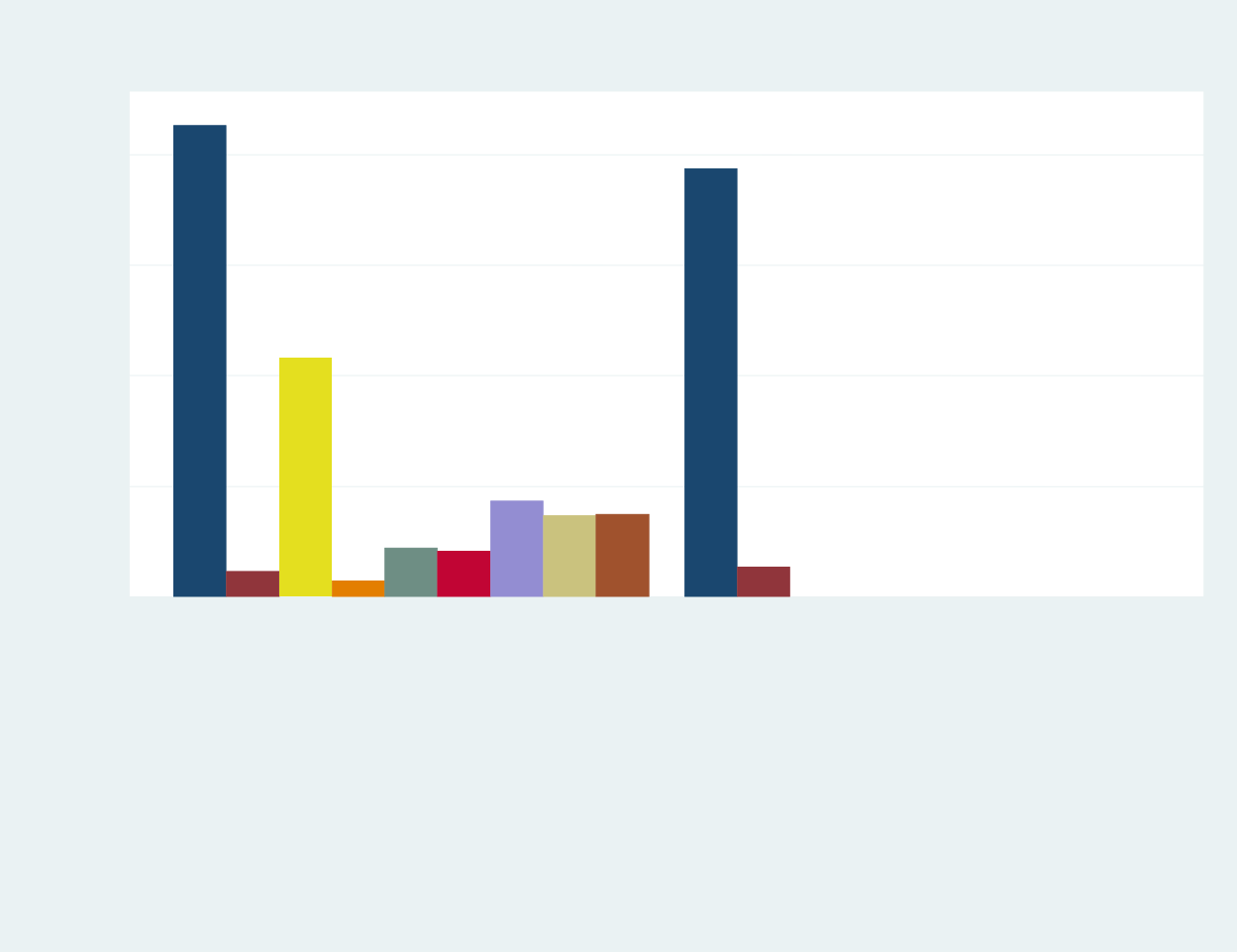



Figure 7b. What Is the *One Thing* That Was Most Important to Keeping You Going Through School All the Way to Graduation? (Item 50, All High Schools)