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Survey Report

# HIGH SCHOOL EXIT SURVEY REPORT FOR CLASS OF 2010, LIBERAL ARTS/SCIENCE ACADEMY OF AUSTIN (LASA)

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 LASA Class of 2010. Where available, data are presented from previous senior classes to compare with the 2010 responses. In addition, average results from all AISD high schools are presented alongside results for LASA for comparison purposes. In total, 3,574 students in the Class of 2010 completed the survey, including 168 students from LASA. Tests for statistical significance were conducted with district-level data only (see district-level report). Table 1 presents yearly response rates, by campus and by district. Next, major findings are presented, followed by open-ended campus-level responses, and finally responses to the multiple-choice items from the survey.

**Table 1. High School Exit Survey Response Rates, Classes 2008–2010**

| | Class of 2008 | Class of 2009 | Class of 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **All high schools** | 74.8% | 78.8% | 82.0% |
| **LASA** | 80.3% | 97.0% | 100.0% |

## Major Findings

Some of the notable trends at this campus include:

- **Postsecondary preparation and plans.** Compared with district results, a higher percentage of LASA seniors indicated they planned to continue their education after high school. Unlike the district results, a higher percentage of LASA seniors in 2010 than in 2009 reported such plans. Of the seniors not planning to continue their education within a year of graduation, 100% stated they intended to pursue further education at a later time. A higher percentage of LASA seniors, compared with seniors district wide, took steps (e.g., taking college entrance exams, completing financial aid and scholarship applications, attending college fairs) to prepare for higher education. Also, a higher percentage of LASA seniors, compared with seniors district wide, got help from a family member in preparing for college. Compared with district results, a higher percentage of LASA seniors applied to 4-year colleges or

**Education at This Time, Do You Intend to me? (Item 10)**

| LASA 2010 | All HS 2008 | All HS 2009 | All HS 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 100.0% | 59.2% | 66.2% | 63.0% |
| 0.0% | 19.3% | 24.1% | 27.0% |
| 0.0% | 10.5% | 4.2% | 3.0% |
| 0.0% | 11.0% | 5.6% | 7.0% |

**Involved in the Following School-Related m 11)**

| LASA 2009 | LASA 2010 | All HS 2008 | All HS 2009 | All HS 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35.1% | 31.0% | 40.0% | 30.3% | 28.7% |
| 40.2% | 31.5% | 54.6% | 46.8% | 44.3% |

**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* | LASA 2009 | LASA 2010 | All HS 2009 | All HS 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***In school*** | | | | |
| **Music** | 45.5% | 44.9% | 33.6% | 33.7% |
| **Theater** | 15.1% | 19.2% | 18.6% | 18.8% |
| **Dance** | 18.7% | 17.9% | 22.1% | 21.5% |
| **Sports** | 65.8% | | | |

**Figure 1. Now Indicate the Number of Hours Per Week That You Worked8 927 uring Last Summer. (Item 19a)**

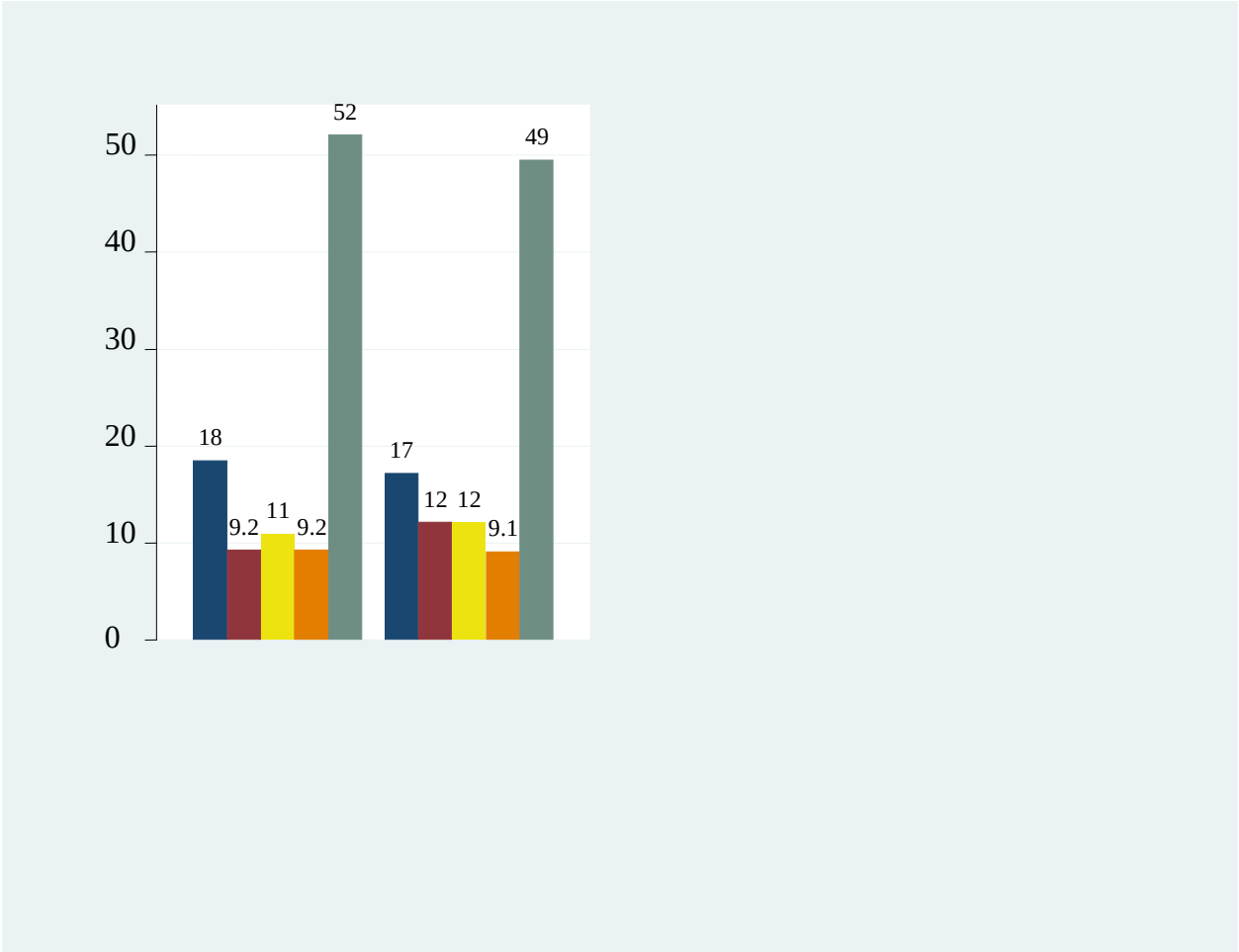

**Figure 3. Thinking Back on Your Years in High School, How Many Hours per Week Did You Typically Spend Studying, Doing Research, or Completing Homework Assignments Outside of Class? (Item 20)**

**Table 11. Please Mark the Answer That Best Indicates How You Feel: (Item 21)**

| **Percentage who responded Sometimes or* Always | LASA 2010 | All HS 2010 |
|---|---|---|
| I can do even the hardest schoolwork if I try | 98.2% | 91.8% |
| I enjoy doing my schoolwork | 55.4% | 58.6% |
| I feel/felt well prepared for TAKS | 99.4% | 89.3% |
| I try hard to do my best work | 89.8% | 89.5% |
| I feel successful in my schoolwork | 88.6% | 90.3% |
| I can reach the goals I set for myself | 96.4% | 95.4% |
| My homework helps me learn things I need to know | 76.5% | 75.9% |
| I know how I'm doing in school | 94.6% | 92.2% |
| My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways | 68.9% | 68.4% |

## 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* | LASA 2008 | LASA 2009 | LASA 2010 | All HS 2008 | All HS 2009 | All HS 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Teamwork** | 85.2% | 93.2% | 90.5% | 88.6% | 89.7% | 89.3% |
| **Creative thinking** | 91.6% | 95.8% | 91.7% | 90.6% | 91.7% | 90.0% |
| **Problem solving** | 92.3% | 97.4% | 95.8% | 91.5% | 92.0% | 91.8% |
| **Conflict resolution** | 76.6% | 84.9% | 81.0% | 82.8% | 84.1% | 83.8% |
| **Personal health/fitness** | 61.9% | 75.9% | 69.5% | 78.6% | 81.0% | 81.2% |
| **Time management** | 79.9% | 85.9% | 86.3% | 80.8% | 81.2% | 82.7% |
| **Technology** | 92.3% | 93.2% | 87.5% | 84.6% | 84.2% | 84.4% |

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

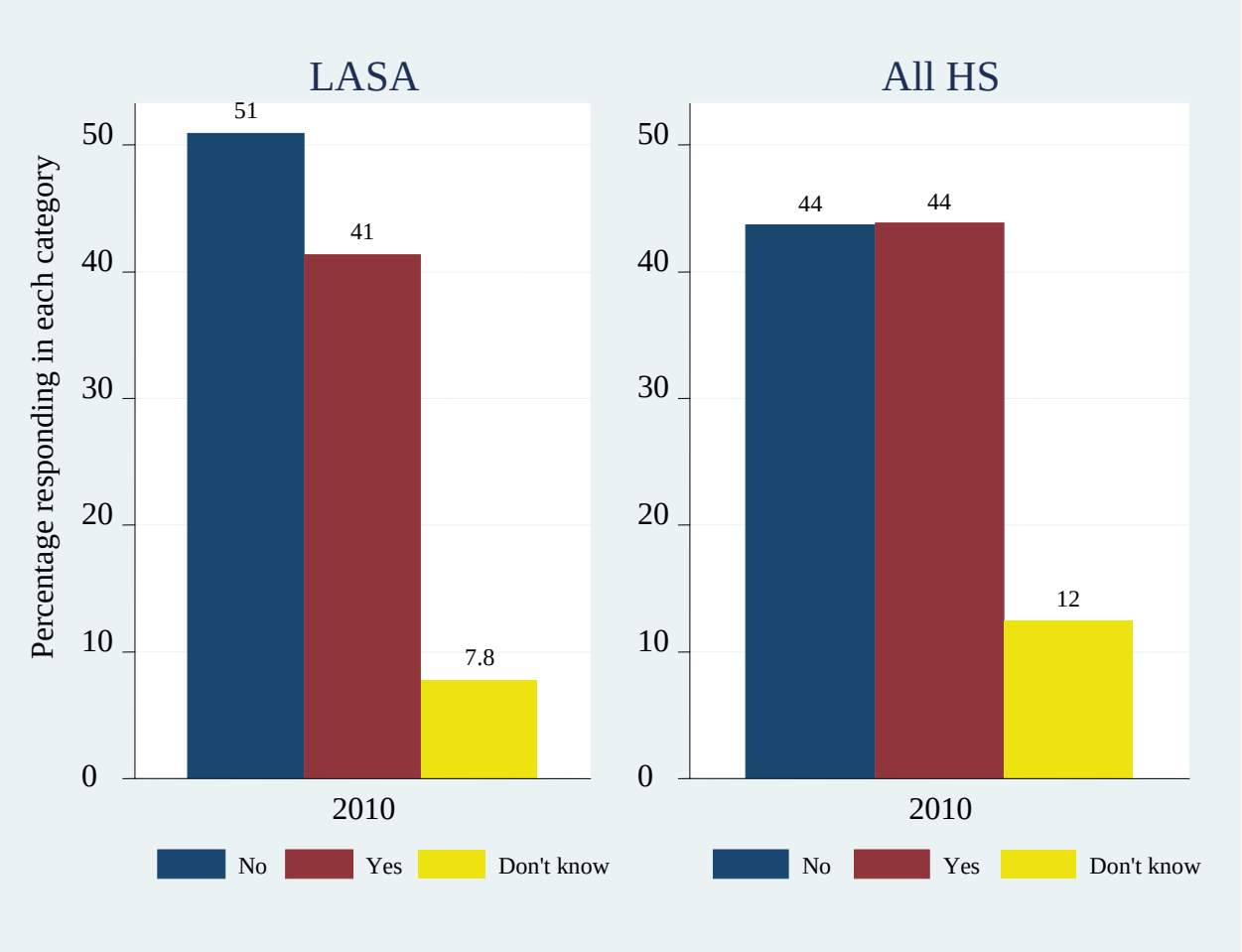

**Table 17. How Frequently Do You Log onto Naviance / Family Connection for the Following Activities? (Item 28)**

| **Percentage who responded Once a week or more* | LASA 2010 | All HS 2010 |
|---|---|---|

**Table 19. High School Preparation for Post-Graduation Opportunities (Item 31)**

| *Percentage *who responded Somewhat well or Very well* | LASA 2008 | LASA 2009 | LASA 2010 | All HS 2008 | All HS 2009 | All HS 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

**Table 29. How Much Do You Think Tuition, Fees, and Books Would Cost for a Year of Full-Time Enrollment at the Types of In-State Postsecondary Institutions Listed Below? *Please Do Not Consider Living Expenses in Your Estimate.***

**LASA**

| | Under $1,000 | $1,001-$3,000 | $3,001-$5,000 | $5,001-$7,000 | $7,001-$9,000 | Greater than $9,000 | Don't Know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Public junior or community college** | 7.5% | 23.6% | 18.6% | 12.4% | 3.1% | 1.9% | 32.9% |
| **Public 4-year** | 0.6% | 5.5% | 6.7% | 9.2% | 23.3% | 38.0% | 16.6% |
| **Private 4-year** | 0.6% | 1.9% | 3.1% | 3.1% | 5.0% | 71.4% | 14.9% |

**All HS**

| | Under $1,000 | $1,001-$3,000 | $3,001-$5,000 | $5,001-$7,000 | $7,001-$9,000 | Greater than $9,000 | |
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## 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, LASA)**

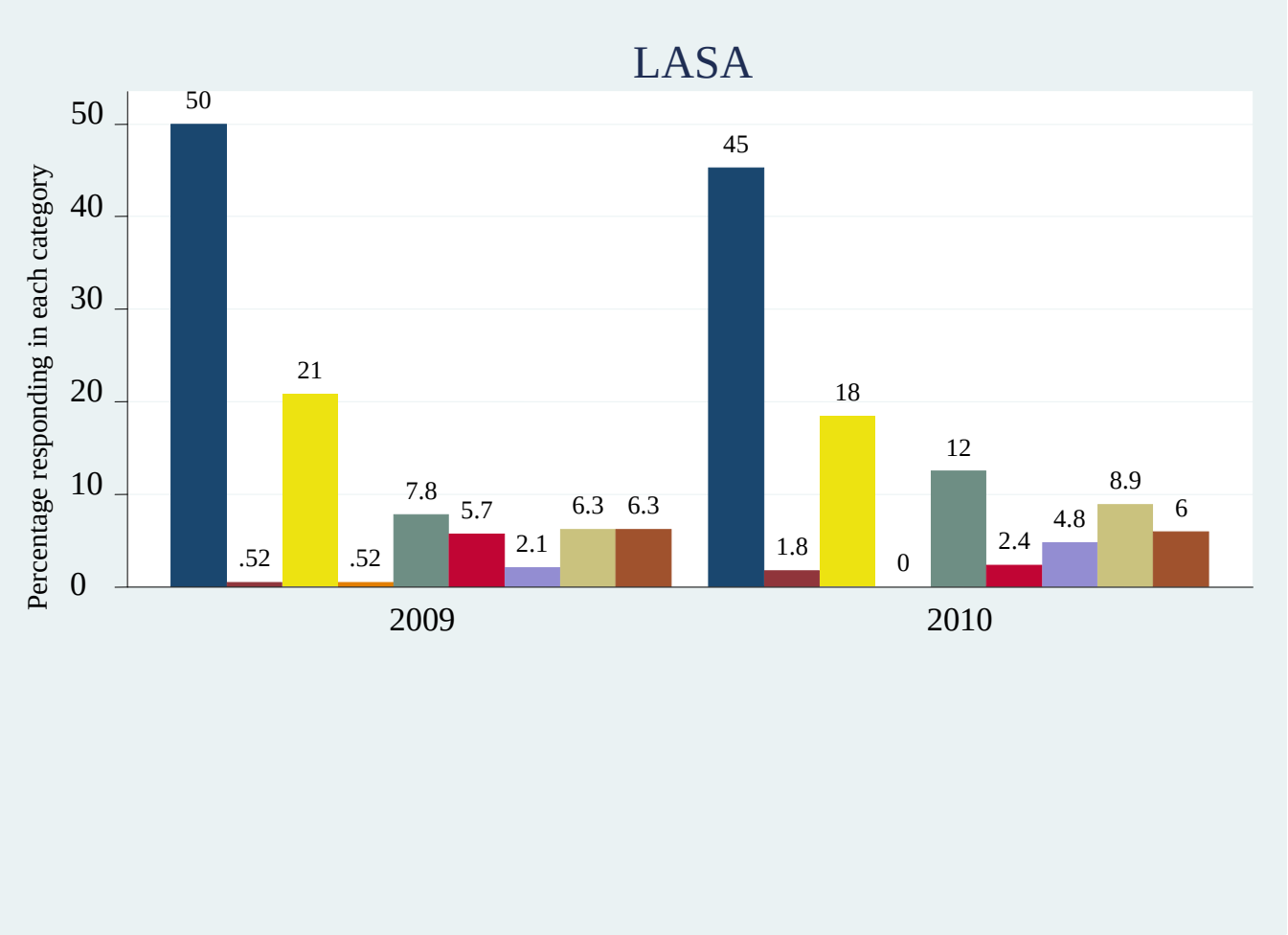

**Figure 7b. What Is the *One Thing* That Was Most Important to Keeping You Going Through School All the Way to Graduation? (Item 50, All High Schools)**