



Austin Independent School District

SCHOOL EXIT SURVEY CLASS OF 2008

MCCALLUM HIGH SCHOOL

The sixth annual AISD High School Exit Survey was administered online¹ to seniors in every AISD High School during the Spring of 2008. This report contains the results for the McCallum 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 McCallum for comparison purposes. In total, 3,192 students in the Class of 2008 completed the survey, including 288 students from McCallum. 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

n district level report for detailed information about response rates for 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.

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POSTSECONDARY INTENTIONS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

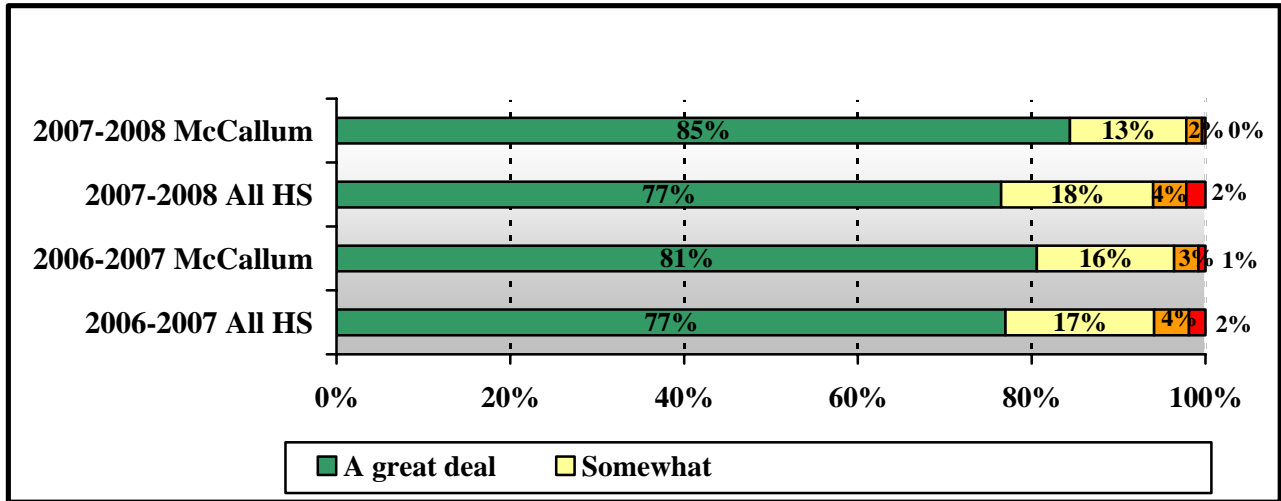
Table 2. Within a Year After Graduating Fr

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	McCallum HS
Yes	26.6%	46.2%
No	30.13%	30.8%
Not Sure	43.2%	23.1%

Note: This item was new in 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		McCallum HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008

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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	
	All HS	McCallum HS
0 Years	24.4%	20.6%
1 Year	28.2%	29.2%
2 Years	26.2%	27.0%
3 Years	13.7%	16.4%
4 Years	7.5%	6.8%

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)

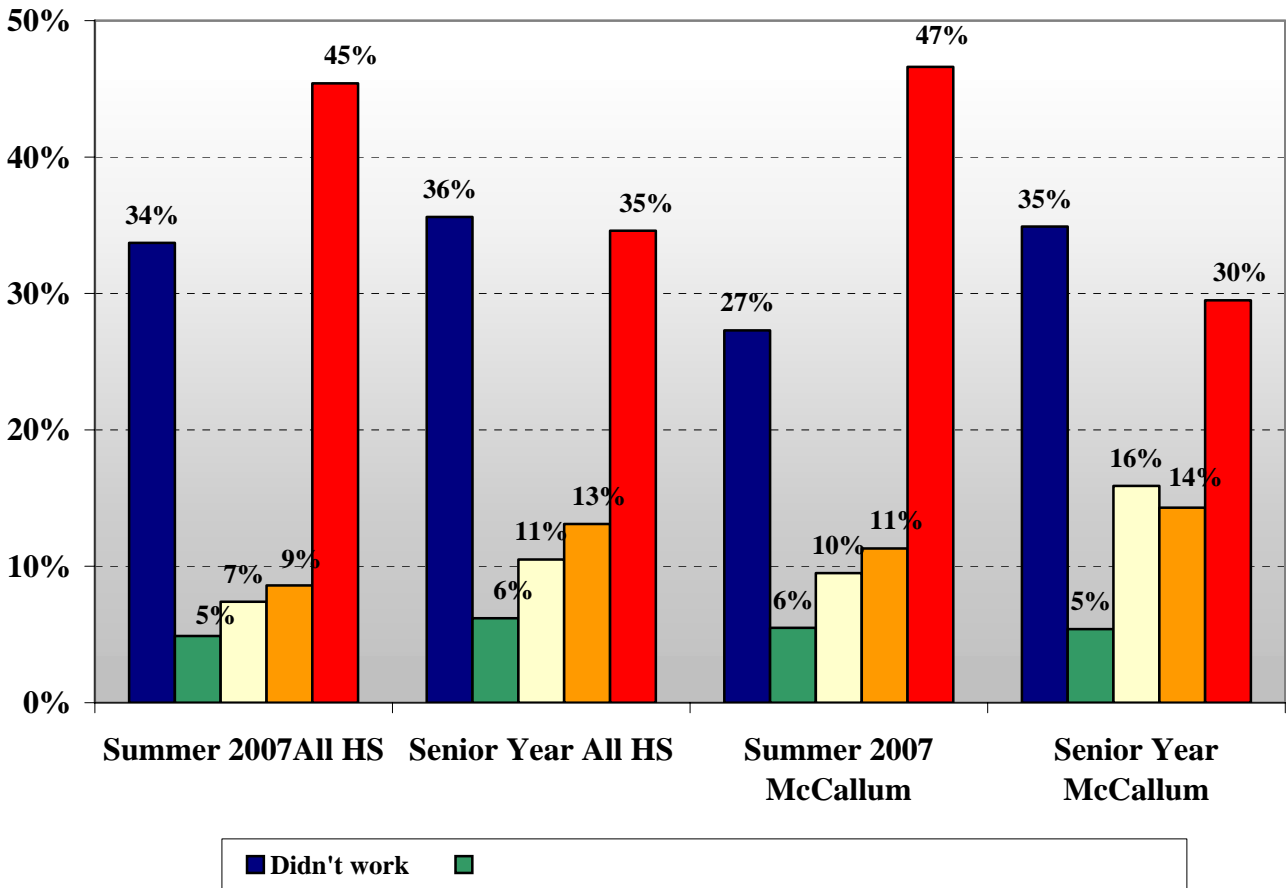


Figure 3. Thinking Back on Your Years in High School, How Many Hours per Week Did You Typically Spend Studying, Doing Research, or Completing Homework Assignments Outside of Class? (Item 23)

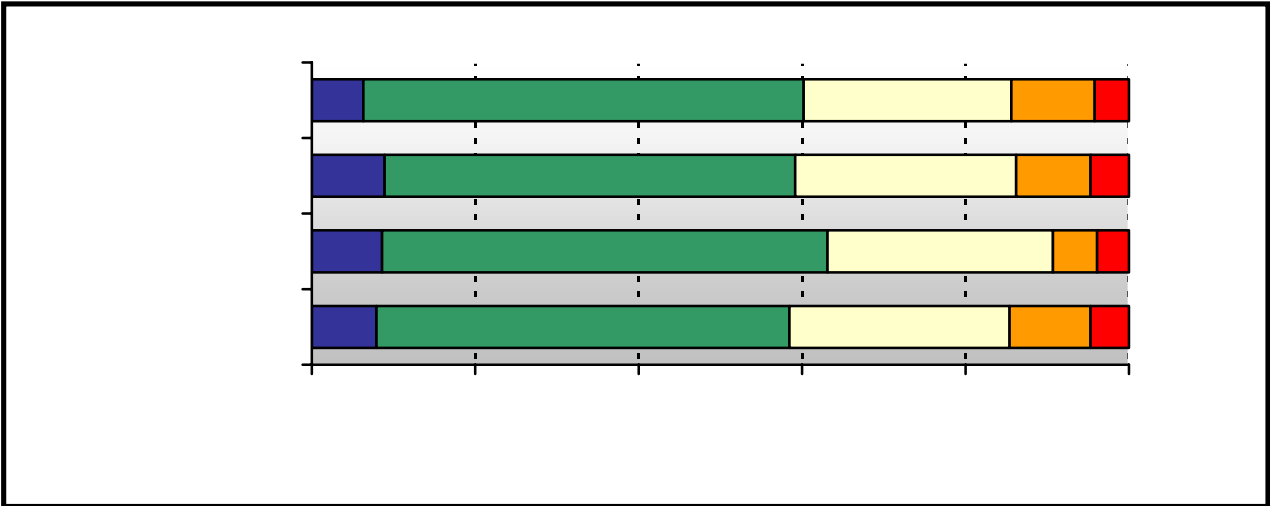


Table 12. Please Mark the Item That Best Indicates How You Feel: (Item 25a-k)

	All HS Seniors	2007-2008 McCallum HS Grade 9-11	McCallum HS Seniors
School climate			
I feel safe at my school	3.4	3.1	3.4
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	2.8	2.8
There is at least one adult at my school who I can go to if I have a problem	3.3	3.2	3.2
My teachers are fair to everyone	2.9	2.8	2.8
Academic climate			
My homework helps me learn things I need to know.	2.9	2.8	2.9
I know how I am doing in school	3.4	3.1	3.6
My teachers expected me to do my best work.	3.6	3.5	3.6
My classes were rigorous and challenging*	3.1	*	3.0

INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Area	Somewhat well or Very well			
	All HS		McCallum HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Teamwork	*	88.6%	*	89.8%
Creative Thinking	90.8%	90.6%	92.6%	93.3%
Problem Solving	92.9%	91.5%	94.6%	91.9%
Conflict Resolution	84.6%	82.8%	83.7%	82.7%
Personal Health/Fitness	78.5%	78.6%	70.3%	76.2%
Time Management	*	80.8%	*	81.0%
Technology	*	84.6%	*	88.0%

Note. Responses include: Not well, Somewhat well, and Very well. Percentages indicate the number of students who responded Somewhat well or Very well.

*Indicates a response option added in 2008.

Table 15. Please Rate the Quality of Instruction That You Feel That You Received in the Following Areas: (Item 27)

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

Use	Once a Week or More 2007-2008	
	All HS	McCallum HS
At home?	86.7%	88.7%
At school?	74.0%	73.9%
To present material in class, for example, using PowerPoint?	23.5%	18.5%
To type a paper or class assignment?	55.4%	59.4%
To search the Internet to complete class-related assignments?	61.6%	62.4%
To research college/career choices?	50.6%	55.8%
To complete online forms or applications for college/employment?	44.0%	44.3%
To communicate with teachers (e.g., email, IM, etc.)?	20.8%	15.2%
To communicate with friends (e.g., email, IM, blog, Facebook, etc.)?	74.8%	73.4%
To participate in online communities (Facebook, blogs, discussion boards, etc.)?	56.9%	61.6%

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 A7. c13e 32f0.0005 Tc 010.02 0 0 10.02 535.28638 455.16005 Tm()16

POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION AND ADVISING

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		McCallum HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
As long as I can remember	39.1%	40.5%	41.4%	47.5%
In elementary school	*	8.5%	17.6%	9.9%
In middle/junior high school	21.0%	21.8%	22.7%	19.7%
In high school	25.3%	26.8%	17.6%	21.5%
I've never thought about college as an option after high school	2.5%	2.3%	0.8%	1.4%

*Item changed from previ

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

Preparation	All HS		McCallum HS	
	2006- 2007	2007- 2008	2006- 2007	2007 -2008
Took the PSAT examination	57.9%	68.0%	68.5%	78.8%
Took AP/IB classes	45.3%	48.6%	49.0%	50.7%
Visited campuses	44.0%	51.8%	48.2%	58.7%
Attended college fairs	44.4%	48.6%	40.9%	49.7%
Completed and submitted a FAFSA	41.3%	49.3%	47.5%	62.8%
Completed and submitted a scholarship application	30.8%	41.5%	37.7%	62.8%
Took college entrance tests	65.6%	72.4%	75.1%	82.3%
Took test prep class	38.2%	41.7%	42.4%	46.9%
Completed ACC courses	23.3%	29.4%	38.9%	44.4%
Ordered and submitted transcripts	40.3%	50.3%	49.4%	

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	McCallum HS
They encouraged me to attend school regularly	35.3%	34.5%

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

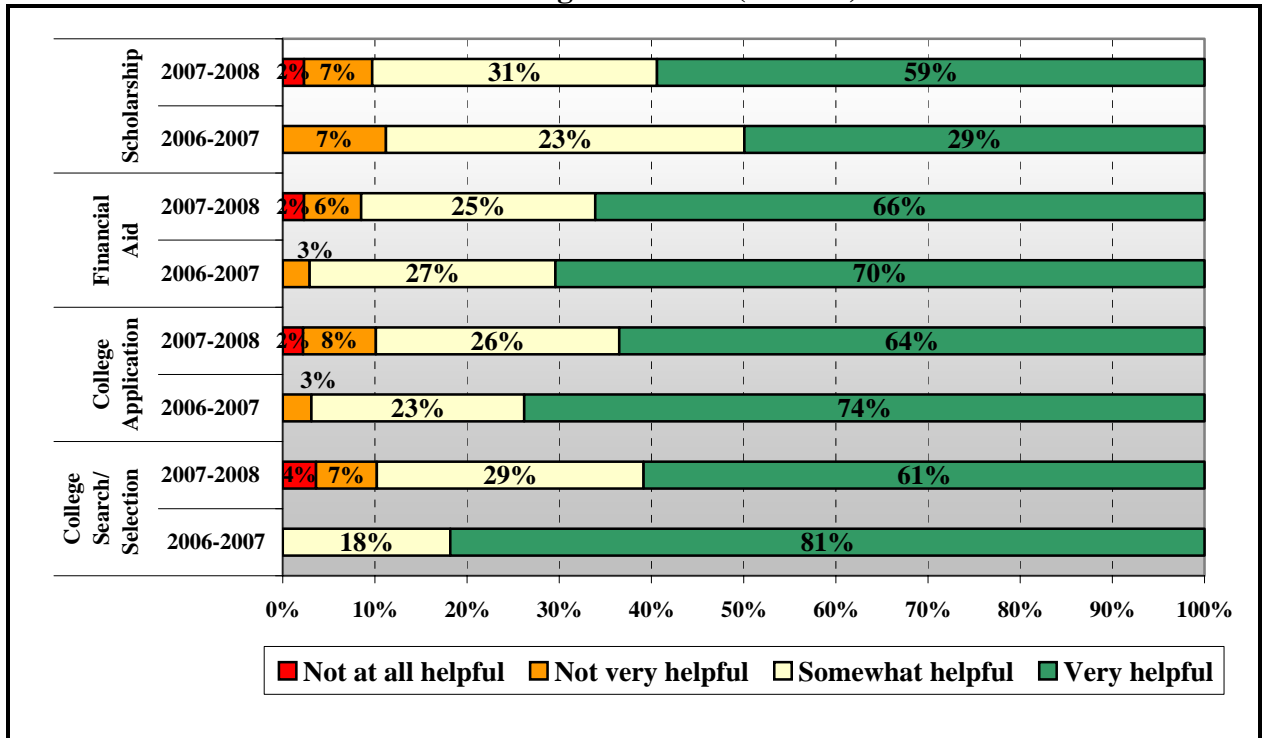
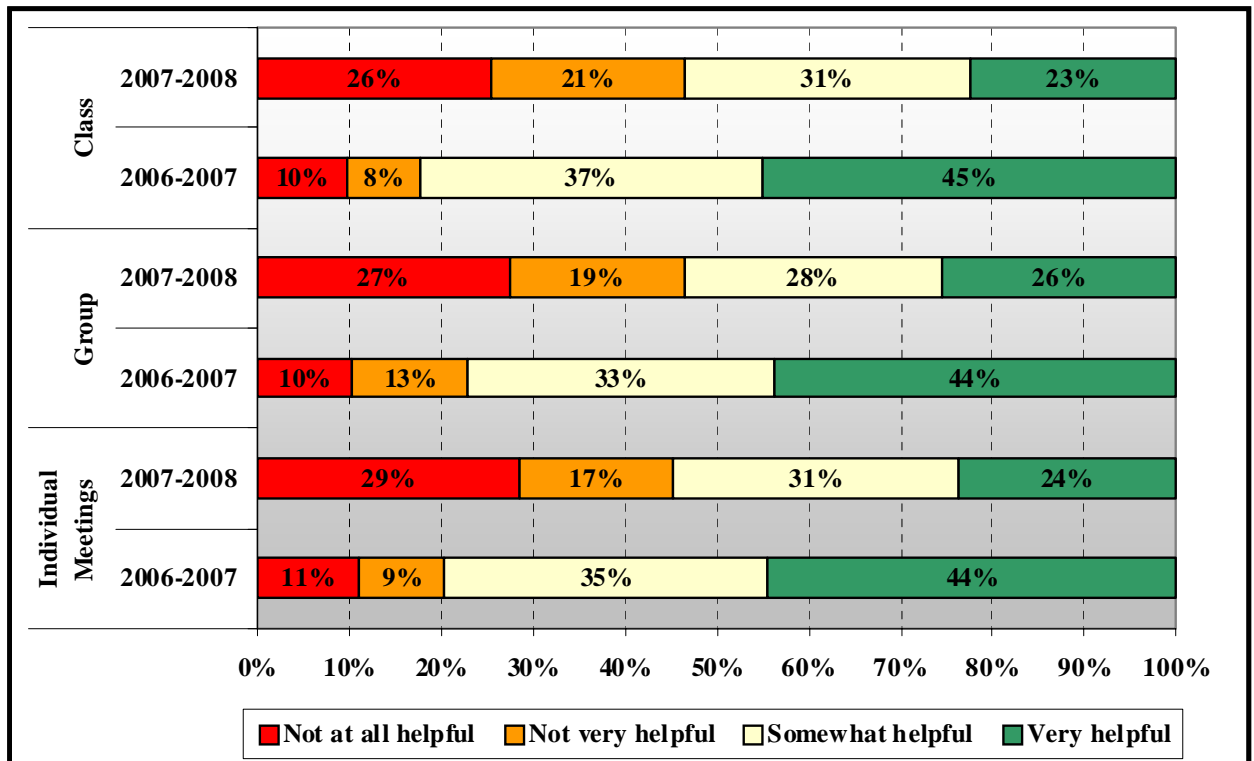


Figure 8. How Helpful Was Your Advocate/Advisory Teacher in the Following Types of Meetings? (Item 40)



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)**

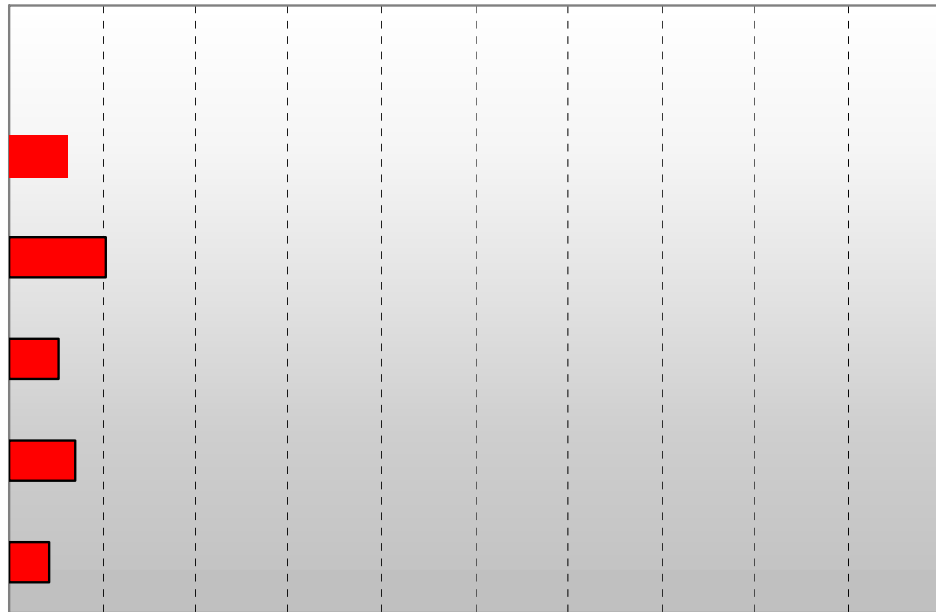


Table 24. How Important Is Each of the Following in Choosing a College? (Item 36)

Reason	Somewhat or Very important 2007-2008	
	All HS	McCallum HS
College expenses	91.7%	91.0%
Availability of financial aid	90.1%	90.3%
Availability of specific courses or curriculum	95.1%	94.2%
Reputation of the college in athletic programs	61.4%	55.6%
Social life at the college	86.4%	87.0%
Ability to live at home and attend college	61.5%	47.7%
Ability to live away from home*	78.3%	79.5%
Job or employment placement record of the college	81.9%	77.5%
Reputation of the college in academic programs	90.1%	77.5%
Easy admission standards	72.0%	61.5%
Ability to take courses online	54.5%	46.4%
Study abroad opportunities*	77.1%	75.5%
Service learning opportunities*	74.9%	72.3%
The school accepts dual-credit courses*	75.5%	72.3%
The school accepts AP/IB credits*	77.0%	73.0%

Note. Response options include: Not Impo02 224211.2657 425.2ID 55 BDC 0 gBT/TT1 1 T 425.22 Tm(Im)Tj10.10.02 0 0 10.0gB02 0

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	McCallum HS
Very Easy	17.0%	17.2%
Easy	21.2%	24.1%
Somewhat Easy, Somewhat Difficult	36.2%	40.5%
Difficult	7.9%	6.6%
Very Difficult	3.9%	2.2%
Did Not Apply for Financial Aid	13.9%	9.5%

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	McCallum HS
Financial aid	57.1%	

FINAL THOUGHTS

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

