

TRAVIS 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 Travis High School Class of 2008. Where available, longitudinal data and the average results from all AISD high schools are presented alongside results for Travis for comparison purposes. In total, 3,192 students in the Class of 2008 completed the survey, including 208 students from Travis. 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
Percentage of Enrolled Seniors Responding

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POSTSECONDARY INTENTIONS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

**Table 2. Within a Year After Graduating From High School, What Do You Plan To Do?
(Item 7)**

Plan	All HS		Travis HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008

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	Travis HS
Yes	26.6%	

**Table 7. Will You Be The First Person in Your Immediate Family to Attend College?
(Item 13)**

	All HS		Travis HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
s''	29.1%	30.0%	60.8%	67.6%

Table 8. How Far Did Your

HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES, CAMPUS CLIMATE, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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

# of schools	All HS		Travis HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
1	76.1%	77.5%	71.4%	79.3%
2	16.8%	16.8%	17.5%	16.3%
3 or more	7.2%	5.6%	7.9%	4.3%

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 % with 1 or More Years	Travis HS 2007-2008 % with 1 or More Years

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)

Years	2007-2008	
	All HS	Travis HS
0 Years	24.4%	48.7%
1 Year	28.2%	15.1%
2 Years	26.2%	18.6%
3 Years	13.7%	11.1%
4 Years	7.5%	6.5%

Note. This item was new in 2008.

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

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	Travis HS

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

Use	Once a Week or More 2007-2008	
	All HS	Travis HS
At home?	86.7%	83.4%
At school?	74.0%	89.1%
To present material in class, for example, using PowerPoint?	23.5%	49.5%
To type a paper or class assignment?	55.4%	41.0%
To search the Internet to complete class-related assignments?	61.6%	51.1%
To research college/career choices?	50.6%	46.4%
To complete online forms or applications for college/employment?	44.0%	51.6%
To communicate with teachers (e.g., email, IM, etc.)?	20.8%	12.1%
To communicate with friends (e.g., email, IM, blog, Facebook, etc.)?		

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		Travis HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
As long as I can remember	39.1%	40.5%	16.3%	22.9%
In elementary school	*	8.5%	12.9%	4.7%
In middle/junior high school	21.0%	21.8%	23.6%	34.9%
In high school	25.3%	26.8%	44.4%	33.9%
I've never thought about college as an option after high school	2.5%	2.3%	2.8%	3.6%

*Item changed from previous surveys when it was, "When I was a child."

Table 19. High School Preparation for Post-Graduation Opportunities (Item 31a-D & Item 20)

Preparation	Somewhat well or Very well 2007-2008	
	All HS	Travis HS
How well prepared were you to plan your high school course selections?	91.2%	92.2%
How well prepared were you to meet your college and career goals?	88.4%	88.6%
How well prepared are/were you for the college/technical/vocational school application process?	83.4%	87.5%
How well informed are/were you about obtaining financial aid for education after high school (whether or not you applied)?	81.6%	87.0%
I received extra help early in the school year so I could graduate on time (percent responding "yes")	23.4%	64.3%

Note. Response options include: Not well, Somewhat well, and Very well. Previous surveys reported item means; in 2008, percentages reflect the number of students who responded Somewhat well or Very well.

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

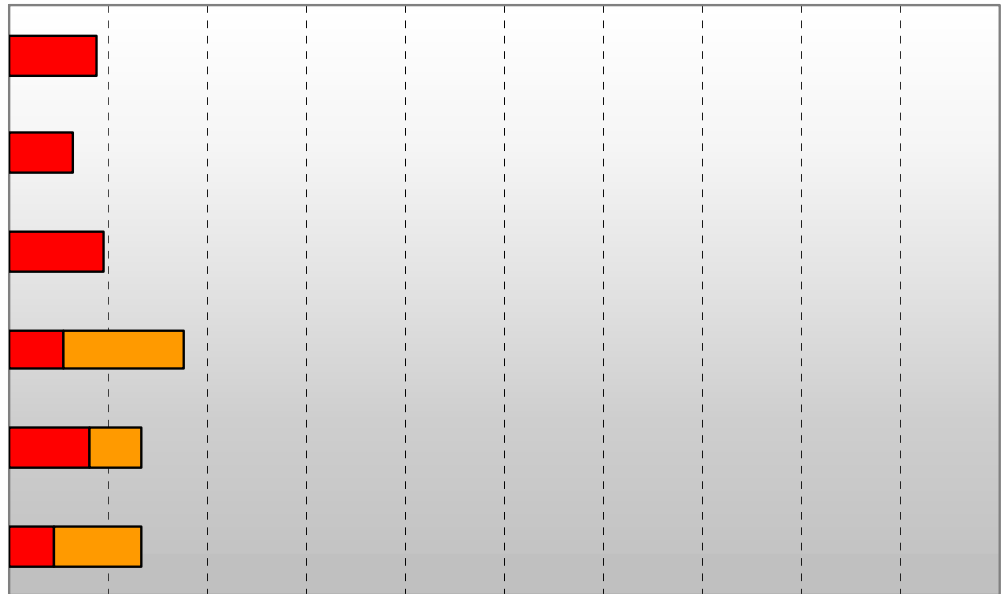
Preparation	All HS		Travis HS	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Took the PSAT examination	57.9%	68.0%	32.8%	39.4%
Took AP/IB classes	45.3%	48.6%	34.4%	33.2%
Visited campuses	44.0%	51.8%	43.9%	56.7%
Attended college fairs	44.4%	48.6%	50.8%	45.2%
Completed and submitted a FAFSA	41.3%	49.3%	51.9%	57.7%
Completed and submitted a scholarship application	30.8%	41.5%	32.8%	57.7%
Took college entrance tests	65.6%	72.4%	57.7%	60.1%
Took test prep class	38.2%	41.7%	43.9%	32.7%
Completed ACC courses	23.3%	29.4%	24.3%	23.6%
Ordered and submitted transcripts	40.3%	50.3%	13.2%	17.3%
Applied to a 2-year college (including ACC)*	49.8%	41.1%	65.1%	43.8%
Applied to a 4-year college*	69.1%	63.9%	61.9%	67.3%
Applied to a business/technical/vocational school*	13.8%	6.5%	25.4%	5.3%

Note. Respondents may select more than one option; percentages will not total 100%.

*An answer to this item was required in 2006-07, therefore percentages may not be entirely comp

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

**Figure 9. How Helpful Was Your School Counselor in the Following Types of Meetings?
(Item 41)**

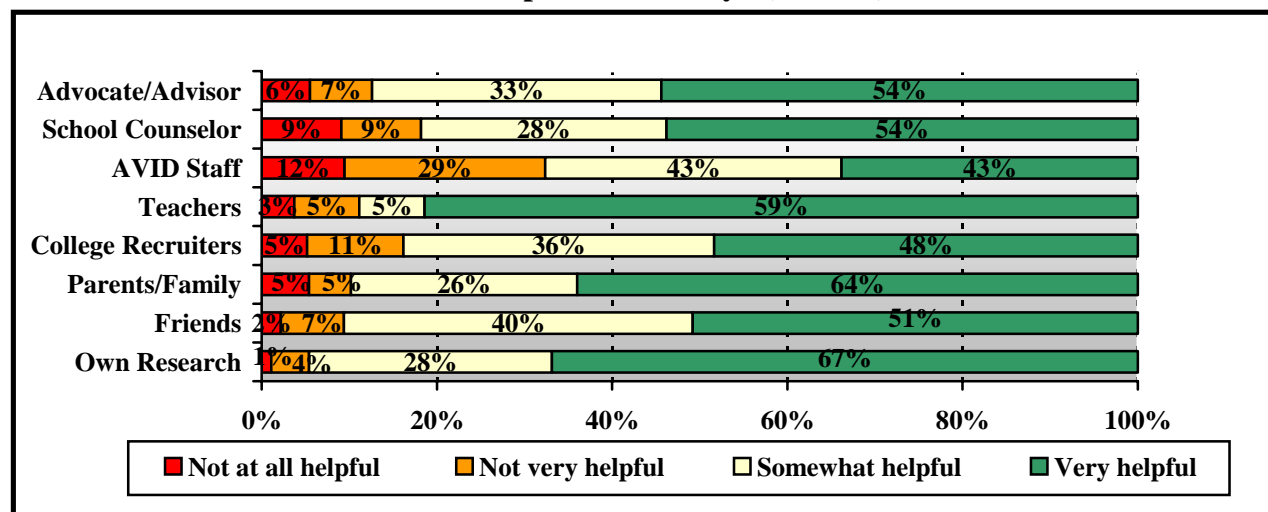


**Table 23. For Which of the Following Issues Did You Meet With a School Counselor?
(Item 42)**

Issue	2007-2008	
	All HS	Travis HS
Scheduling	77.5%	76.4%
Course selection & placement	58.4%	58.7%
Graduation plans	53.2%	57.2%
4 year plan	26.4%	38.9%
Graduation credit verification	37.4%	47.1%
Testing interpretation	17.0%	31.7%
Career information	18.5%	35.6%
College information/applications	38.8%	46.6%
Writing resumes/ job applications	11.2%	28.4%
Financial aid information/ applications	21.3%	47.1%
Scholarship information/applications	24.1%	43.8%
Writing college essays	11.5%	24.5%
Conflict resolution	12.2%	15.4%
Personal and/or family issues	13.2%	11.5%
Parent conference	10.4%	11.5%
Teacher conference	6.4%	8.7%
Grades/test scores/academic performance	41.6%	25.0%
Other	3.2%	2.4%

*Response option was new in 2008.

Figure 10. Which of the Following People (Other Than Your Project ADVANCE Counselor) Helped You to Prepare for the College/Technical /Vocational School Application Process and How Helpful Were They? (Item 39)



Note. This item has changed from previous years surveys, which did not ask students to indicate the level of helpfulness. Results do not include the response, "Doesn't apply."

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

	Somewhat or Very important
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Table 25. How Easy Has It Been for You and Your Parents to Understand the Process of

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)

