

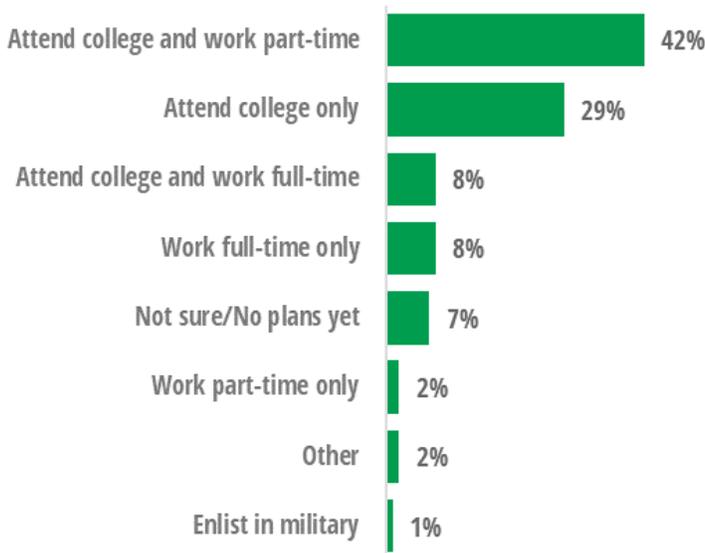
# High School Exit Survey

## Executive Summary, Spring 2021

Austin Independent School District

Overall, the district’s High School Exit Survey (HSES) results have remained consistent across school years. Most students planned to enroll in college within a year after high school graduation and completed steps to prepare for their college and career plans. Of those planning to enroll in college, 23% had not thought about college until they were in high school. Preparation steps included: college entrance exams (67%), financial aid applications (63%), college applications (63%), advanced placement courses (61%), and visiting colleges or trade/technical schools (47%).

Figure 1  
**Most seniors planned to attend college and work part-time after high school graduation.**



Source. AISD HSES survey records, 2020-2021

Table 1  
**Most seniors planned to attend Austin Community College and pursue STEM careers.**

Top 3 Postsecondary Institutions	Top 3 Career Areas
Austin Community College	STEM
The University of Texas at Austin	Health Science
Texas State University	Arts, AV technology, and Communications

Source. AISD HSES survey records, 2020-2021

To access HSES results from 2020-2021, (a) go to <https://www.austinisd.org/dre>, (b) select “Interactive Reports,” and (c) select “High School Exit Survey” from the Interactive Reports list in the upper left-hand corner of the page.

## About the Survey

The purpose of AISD’s High School Exit Survey is to provide information about high school seniors’ participation in college and career preparation activities, perceptions of their experiences overall, and aspirations for the future. The survey is administered annually to all high school seniors. The data collected from the survey are used to describe student outcomes at district and campus levels. The survey is used to inform and monitor the district initiative of ensuring that all students will graduate college-, career-, and life-ready. In 2021, the response rate of seniors was 70% districtwide.

**Most 2021 survey respondents (n= 3,185) were Hispanic or White, and more than half were female.**

