

Senior Survey Analysis

Kenai Peninsular Borough School District

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Introduction & Methodology

- In the following report, Hanover Research presents the results of a senior plans and satisfaction survey administered on behalf of Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD).
- This report provides key findings and aggregate charts for senior responses from the 2018 survey administration.
- A total of 131 seniors provided quality survey responses in 2018. Sample sizes vary across questions as some questions only pertain to a subset of respondents.
- Conclusions drawn from a small sample size ($n < 20$) should be interpreted with caution.
- For full aggregate and segmented results, please consult the accompanying data supplement. The data supplement provides data for both the 2017 and 2018 survey administrations.
- After data collection, Hanover identified and removed low-quality respondents.
- “Don’t Know” or “Not Applicable” responses, and equivalent, are often excluded from the figures and analysis in order to focus on respondents who did express an opinion

Key Findings

- **Overall, most seniors believe that their high school experience prepared them for their post-graduation plans.** Most respondents are satisfied with their high school preparation in English/writing (85%), science (77%), social studies (72%), and mathematics (73%). Additionally, two-thirds or more of respondents are satisfied with their preparation in problem solving (69%), research skills (66%), and critical thinking (69%). Furthermore, over two-thirds of respondents agree that KPBSD provides students with the academic support they need to succeed (68%).
- **KPBSD may increase its focus on career preparation.** Less than half of student respondents note satisfaction with the career and technical education provided by KPBSD (44% satisfied; 36% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied) and only a little over half agree that KPBSD offers an appropriate number and variety of vocational/CTE opportunities (56% agree; 30% neither agree nor disagree). Furthermore, one-quarter of respondents indicate that KPBSD should place more emphasis on Career and Technical Education (26%).
- **Students may benefit from a stronger focus on personal finance and postsecondary financial options.** About one-third of student respondents are satisfied with the personal finance preparation at KPBSD (35% satisfied; 30% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied). Around one-fifth of respondents who are not planning on entering postsecondary education report they cannot afford school (19%) and one-third indicate that they need to work to support themselves (33%).
- **Nearly half of seniors plan on leaving the state after graduation (49%) and over half plan on continuing their education (71%).** About one-third of respondents (32%) plan on staying in the Kenai Peninsula. Additionally, 15 percent of respondents plan on finding a part-time or full-time job instead of continuing their education.

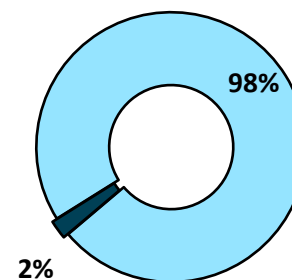
Background & Demographics

School	% of Total
Soldotna High School	27%
Kenai Central High School	18%
Nikiski High School	12%
Homer High School	8%
River City Academy	7%
Seward High School	6%
Homer Flex High School	5%
Kenai Alternative High School	3%
Nikolaevsk School	3%
Ninilchik School	3%
Connections (Homeschool)	2%
Voznesenka School	2%
Susan B. English School	2%
Kachemak Selo School	1%
Port Graham School	1%
Tebughna School	1%

N=131

**Will you graduate at the end of the
2017-2018 school year? (n=132)**

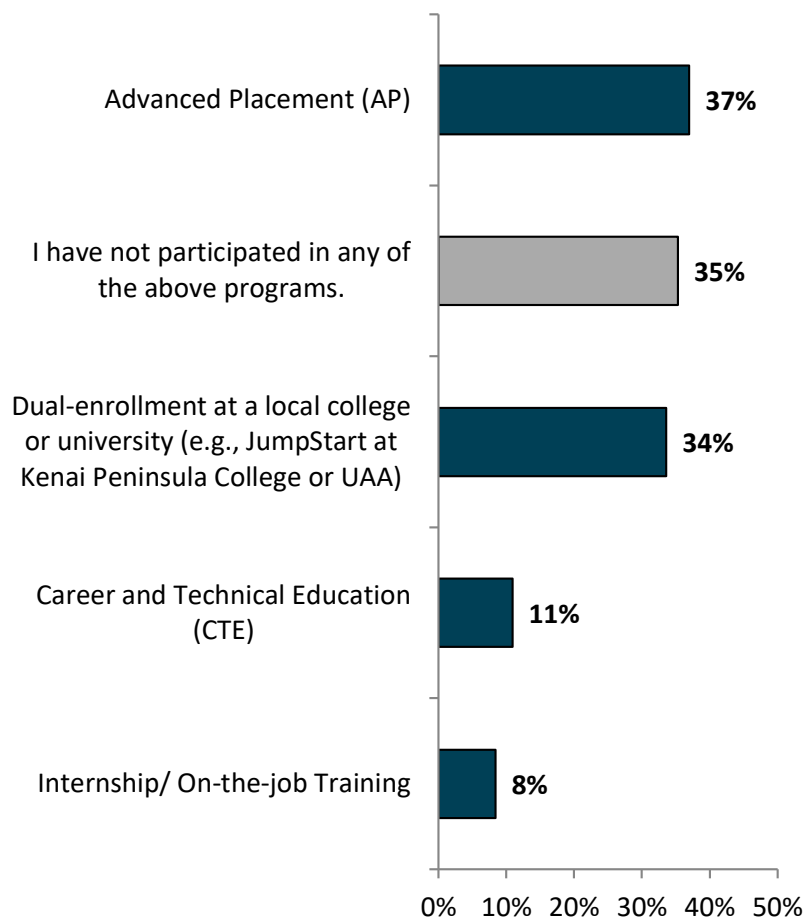
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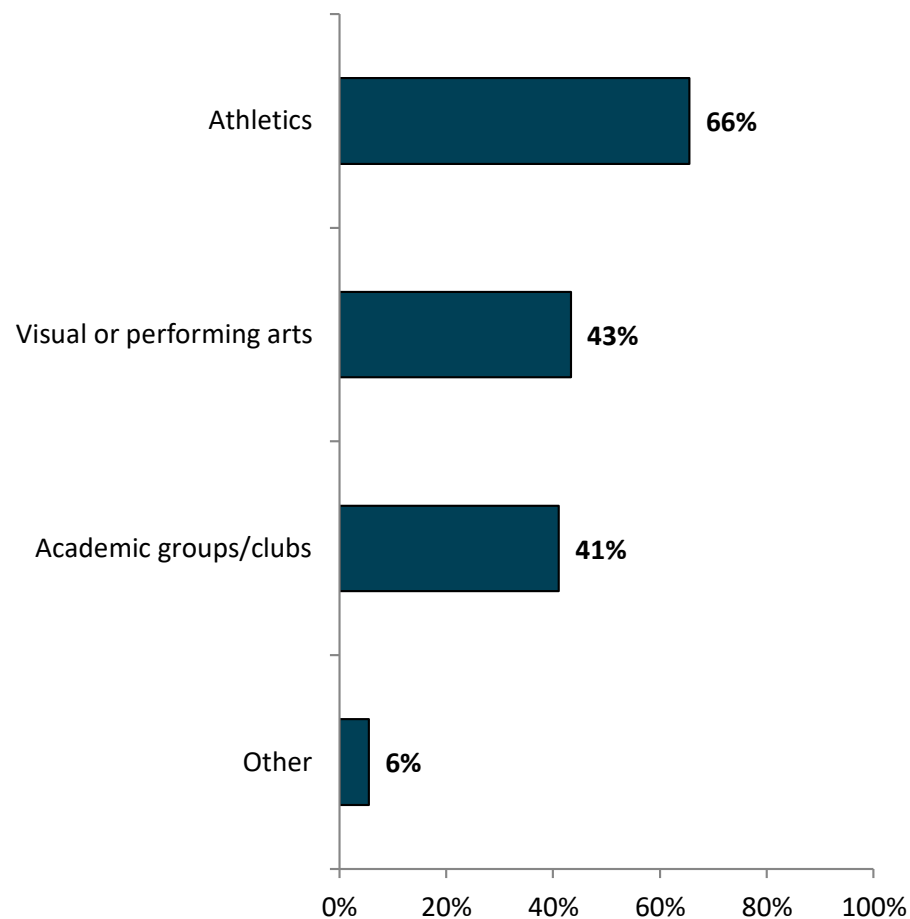
SECTION I: ACTIVITIES

Activities

Have you participated in any of the following programs while at KPBSD? (n=119)



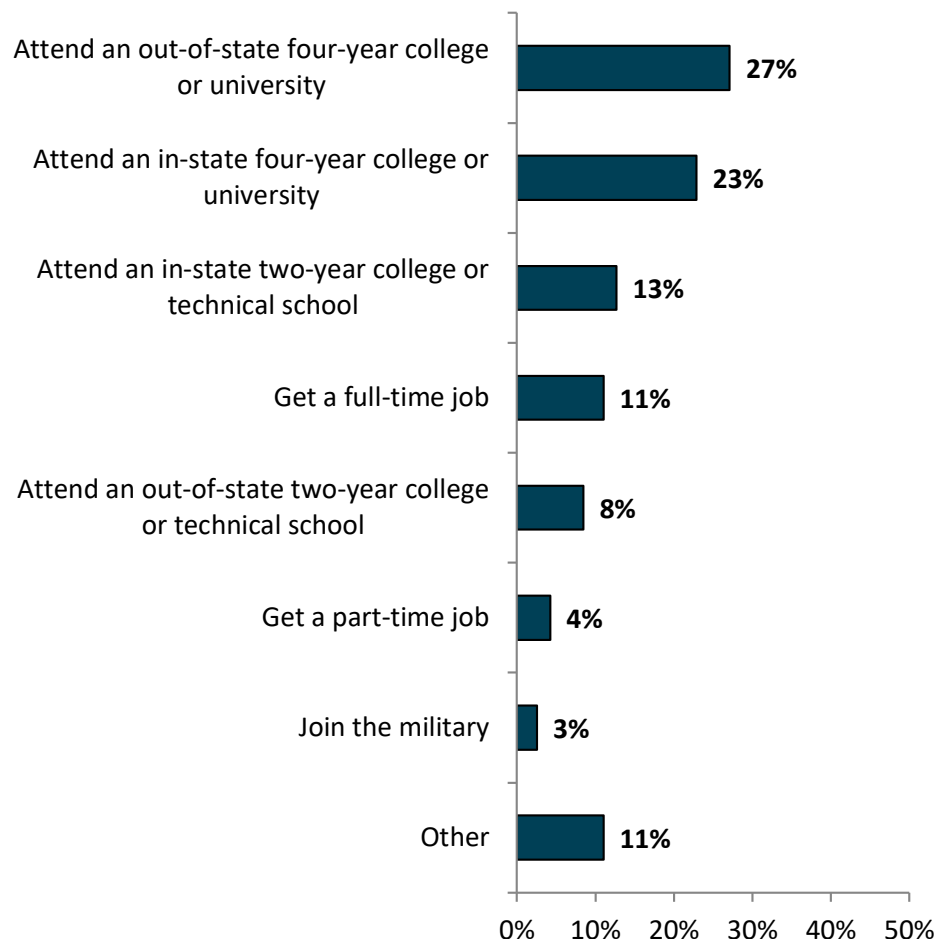
Do you participate in any of the following extracurricular activities at KPBSD? (n=90)



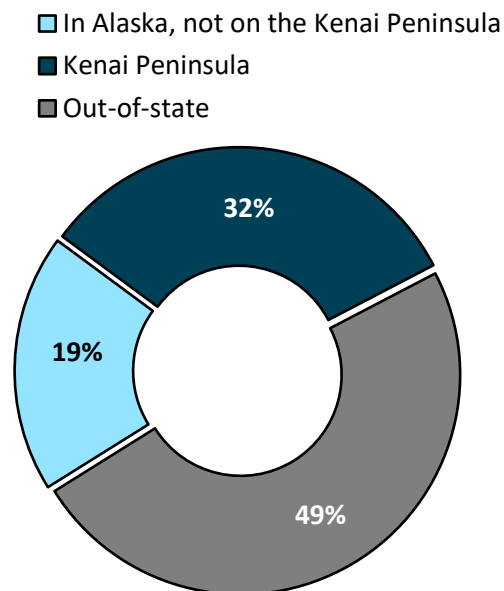
SECTION II: POST-GRADUATION AND CAREER PLANS

Post-Graduation and Career Plans

Which of the following best describes your post-graduation plans? (n=118)

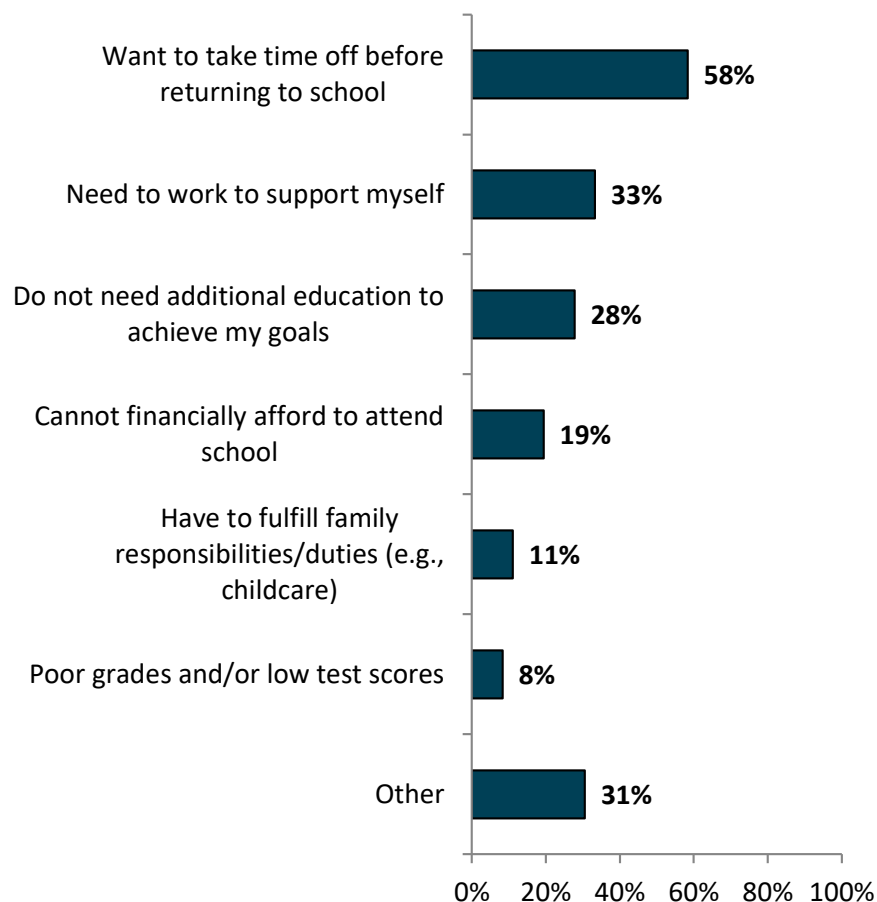


Please specify the location of your post-graduation plans. (n=121)

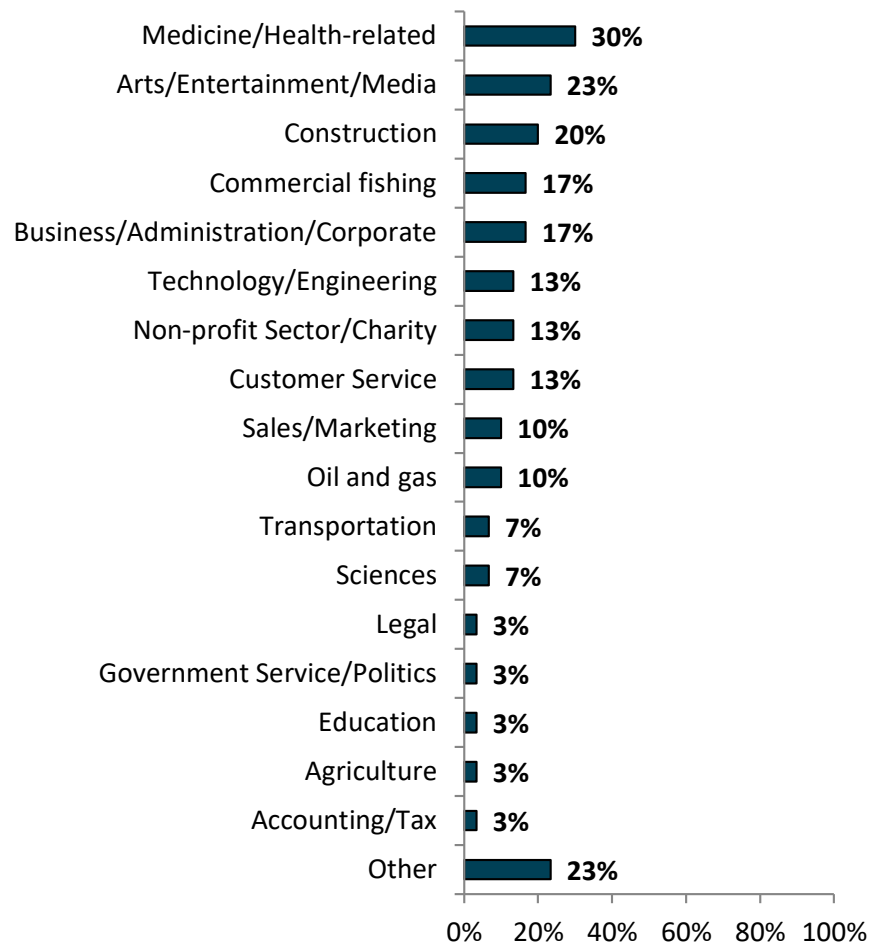


Post-Graduation and Career Plans

Which of the following factor(s) led to your decision not to continue your education following graduation from high school? (n=36)

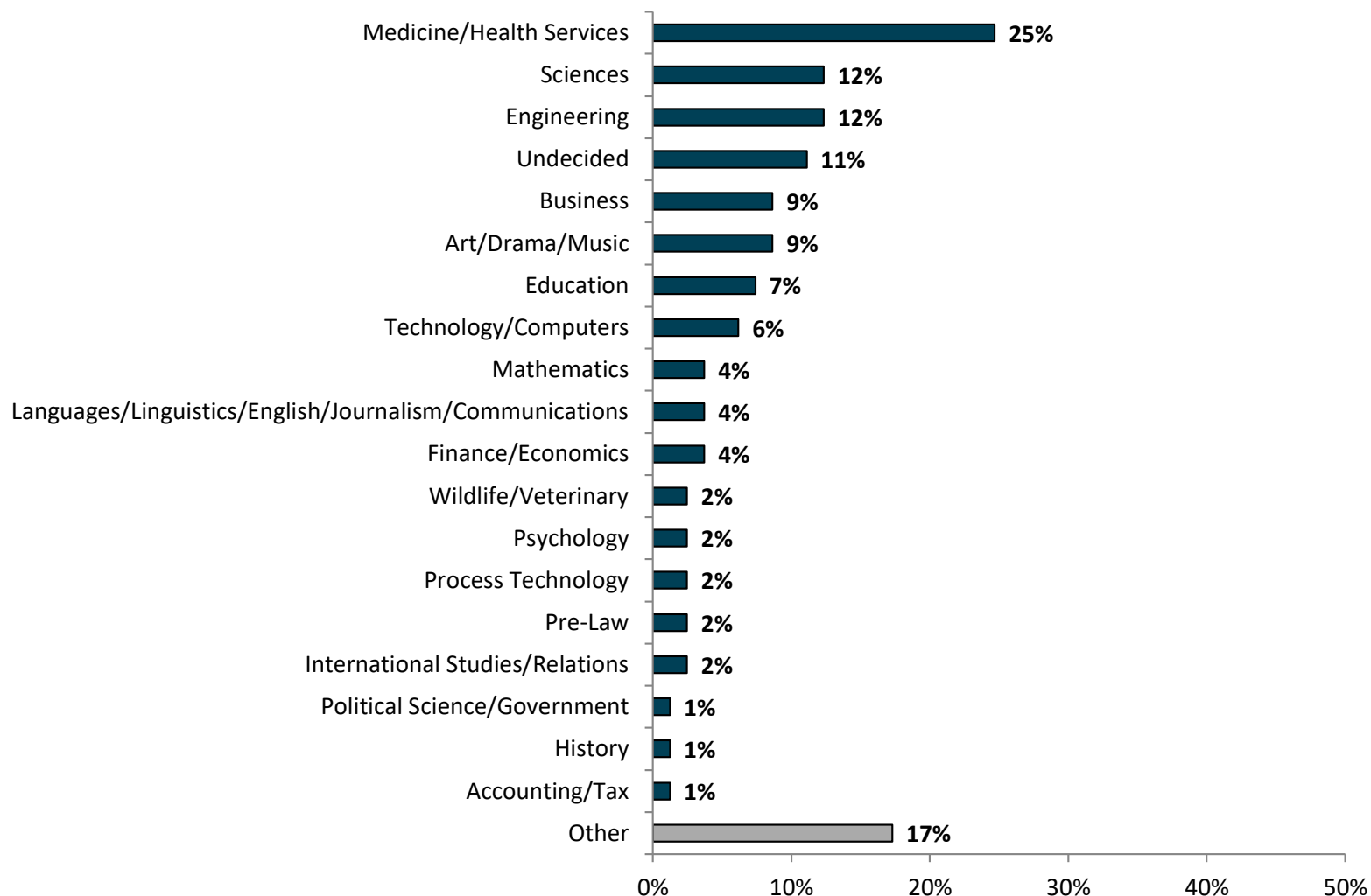


In which field do you expect to work following graduation? Please select a maximum of three options. (n=30)



Post-Graduation and Career Plans

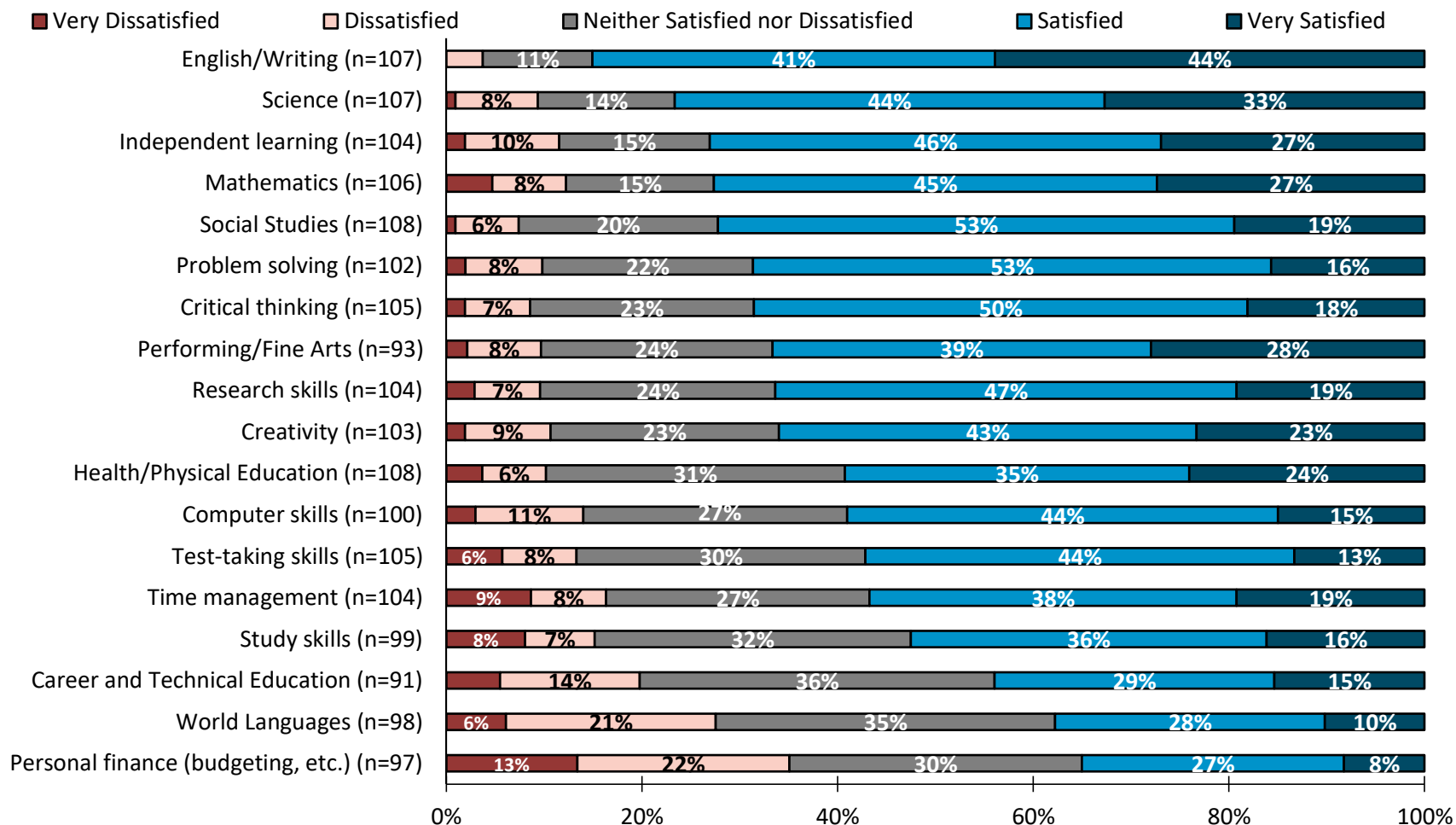
What is your intended major? Please select a maximum of two options. (n=81)



SECTION III: SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Academic Skills

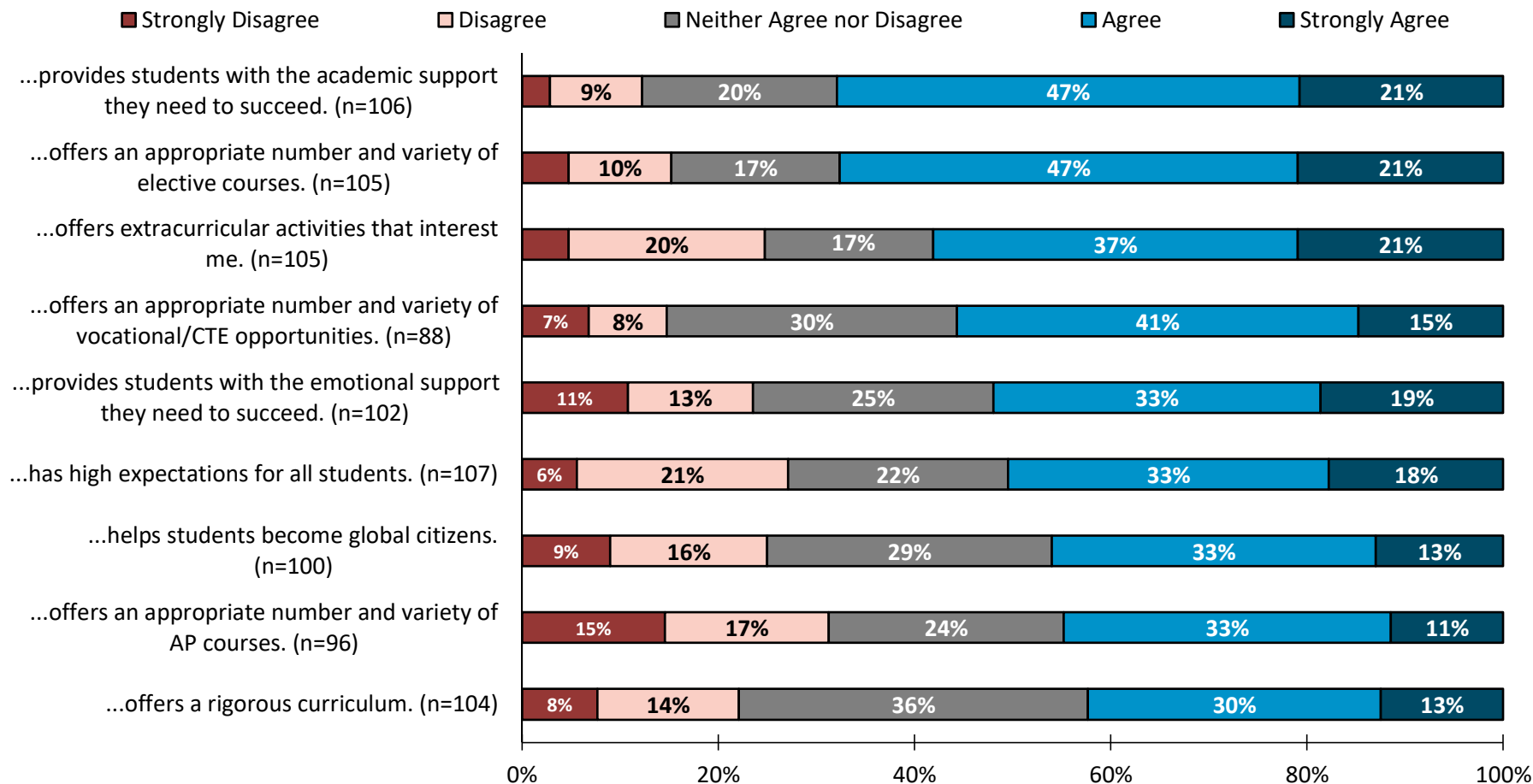
Please rate your level of satisfaction with the preparation you received from your high school in the following areas:



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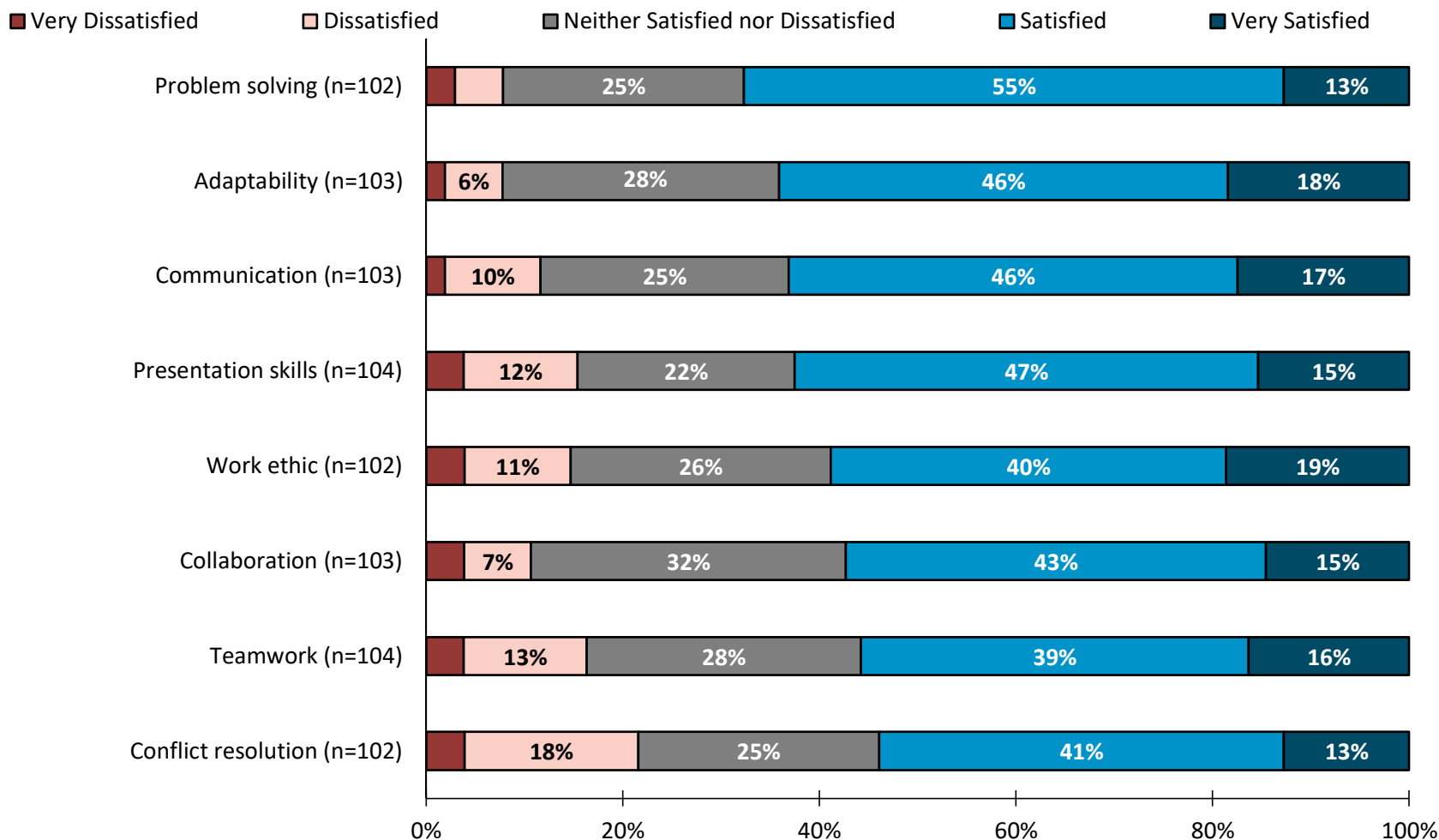
Please rate your level of agreement with each of the following statements.

My high school...



Non-Academic Skills

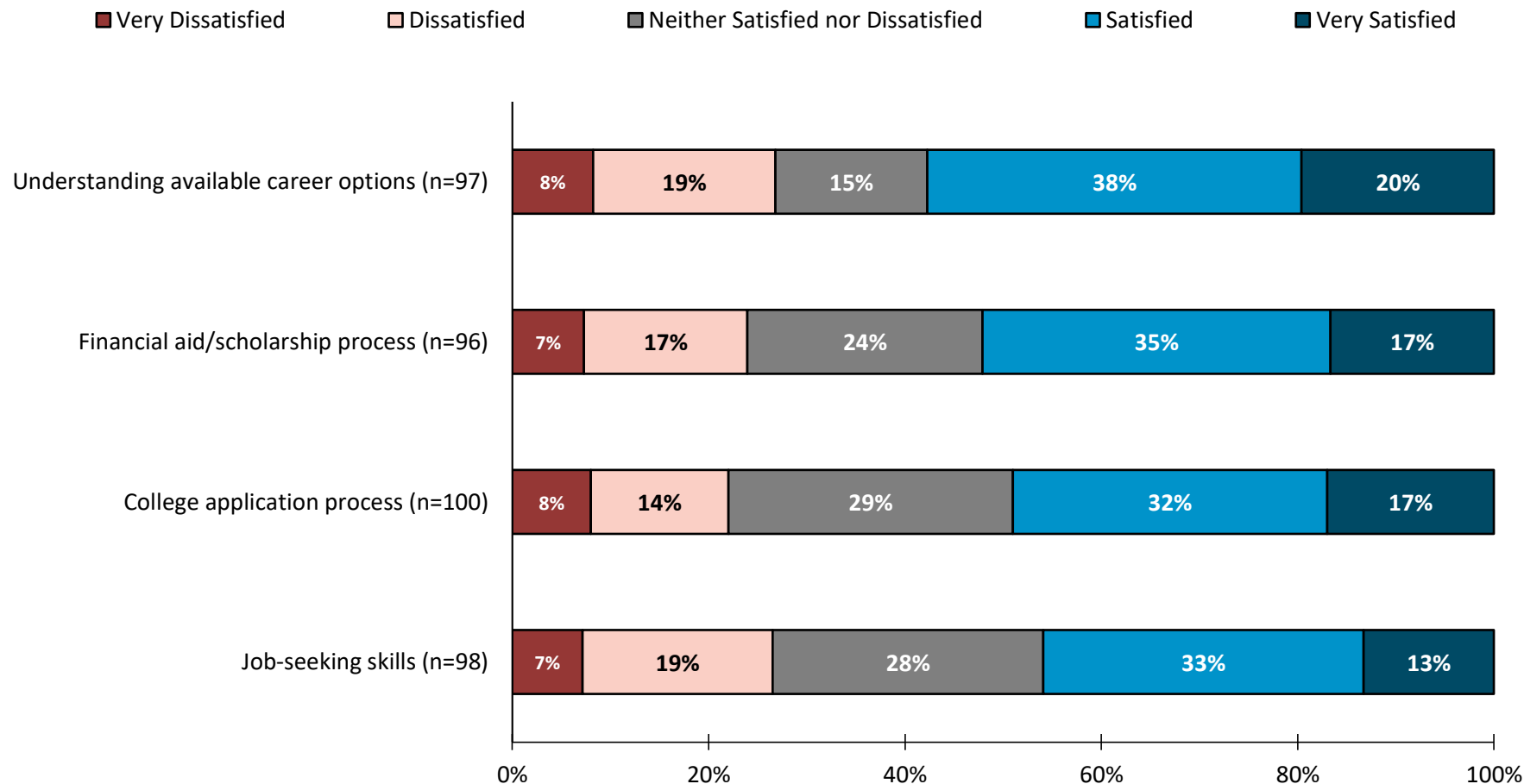
Please rate your level of satisfaction with the preparation you received from your high school in the following areas:



SECTION IV: PREPARATION FOR POST-GRAD PLANS

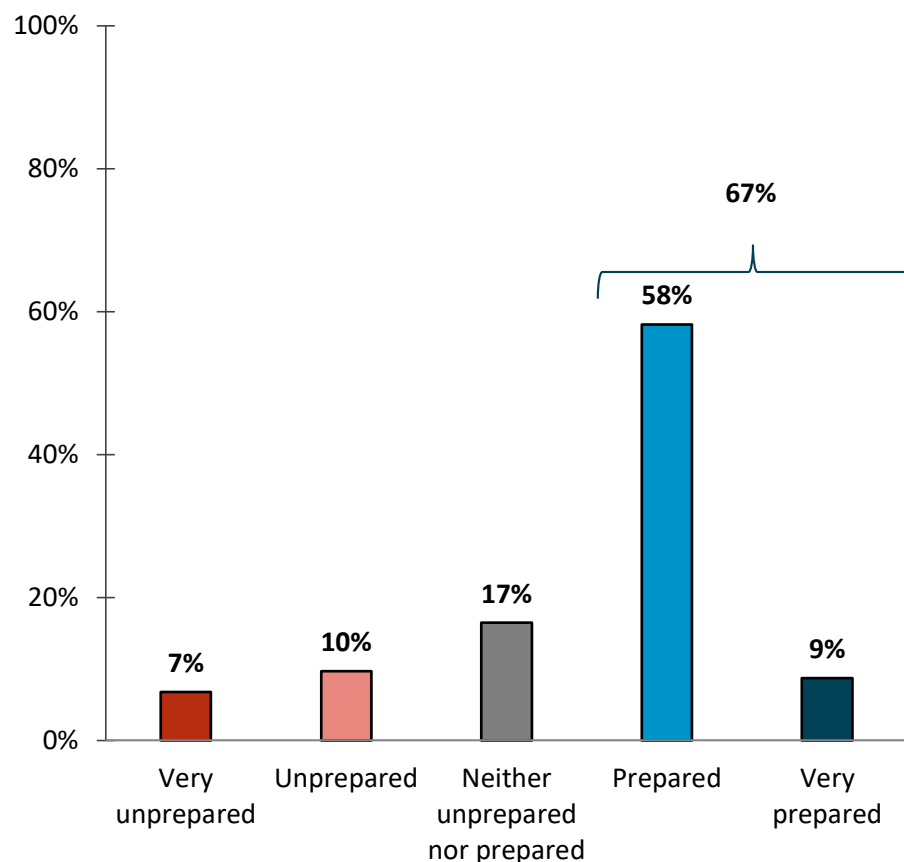
Preparation for Post-Grad Plans

Please rate your level of satisfaction with the support you have received from your high school in the following areas.

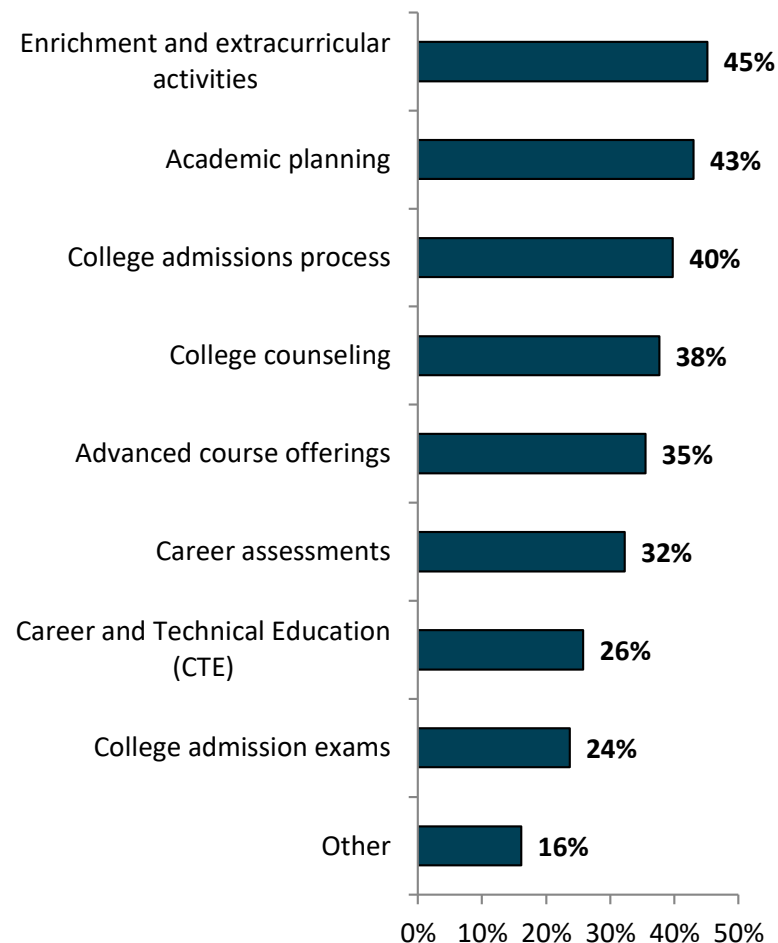


Preparation for Post-Grad Plans

In general, how prepared do you feel for your future college and/or career plans? (n=103)



In which of the following areas do you believe KPBSD should place more emphasis? (n=93)

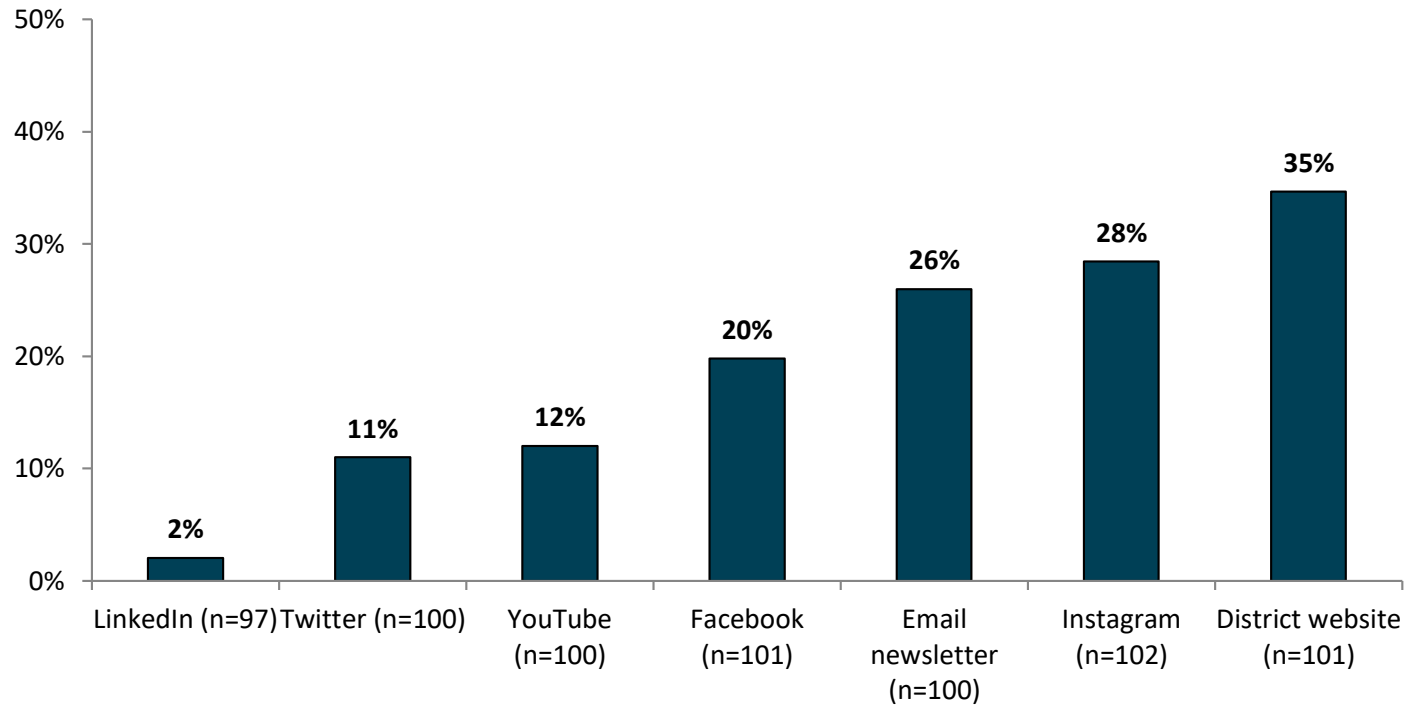


SECTION V: COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES

Communication Preferences

**What platforms would be most helpful for keeping in touch with KPBSD?
Please rate on a scale of 1 to 10.**

% Top 4 (rating of 7-10)





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